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Teen 'pressured' to keep quiet

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A MAN who claims to have had a sexual relationship with Johnathan Davis while he was 17 says the Greens politician pressured him to keep it secret because "people would have opinions but we've done nothing wrong".

He says Mr Davis asked him to send him sexually explicit images and, at one point in their relationship, he had to crawl through the MLA's apartment after sex to avoid being seen on a video call with one of Mr Davis' colleagues.

The Canberra Times on Friday revealed the MLA had been stood down by his party over that matter, as well as a separate accusation Mr Davis had sex with a 15-year-old boy.

Greens Leader Shane Rattenbury on Friday said: "My office has not seen evidence of illegal activity, but we are reporting what we know of the complaints to police."

Both matters have been referred

to the police. Mr Davis, through a lawyer, declined to comment on Saturday. He shut down his social media accounts on Friday.

The then-17-year-old, now 18, told the *Sunday Canberra Times* he came forward because he did not have faith Mr Rattenbury and other senior party figures would name Mr Davis publicly.

"If the leader of the Greens won't, I will," the man said.

The then 17-year-old man said he met Mr Davis on Grindr, a gay dating app, in winter 2022, and began a sexual relationship that lasted until February 2023.

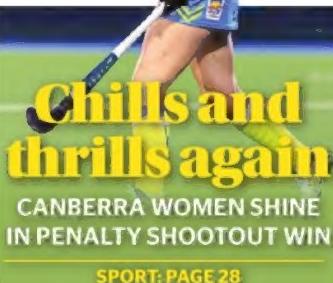
"We quickly switched over to Snapchat and in our first conversation there, I told Jonathan that I was a minor, freshly 17, to inform him before sleeping together or exchanging sexual photos. I asked him if that was alright," the man said in a written account of his relationship.

"Johnathan was not only alright with my age but he preferred it.

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On this day in 1971, The Canberra Times reported on the new development of the suburb of Kambah that would go on to be the biggest suburb in the ACT. The street design plan of the first part of the first suburb of the proposed new town of Tuggeranong was published in the Commonwealth Gazette. The suburb, known at the time as Village Creek, was to be called Kambah, although this had not yet been officially announced. Kambah, of which only the western half was gazetted, had the "curly" look that had been creeping into street plans of new suburbs. There were no straight streets and straight sections of streets were few and very short. Every street was either a crescent or a loop and cul-de-sacs sprouted from each like polyps, some of them double-ended. Work on the design of the



eastern half, on the other side of the arterial road that would run through it, was advanced. The gazettal of Kambah and Crace was "beaten to the punch" by an NCDC pamphlet, dated September 1971, which showed the street plan of each. The pamphlet also showed the proposed artificial lake at Belconnen which, it was understood, was to be called Lake Ginninderra. Artist impressions on the front page showed the beginning stages of the development of Kambah. Visit: trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/11957696

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Johnathan Davis has been stood down 'indefinitely' by the ACT Greens. Picture by Sitthixay Ditthavong

Davis 'pressured' teen to keep relationship quiet

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"He would later share with me that he primarily goes for 18- to 20-year-olds on Grindr, Tinder, Bumble, Twitter, Squirt, Hinge, etc, and that he sets his age preferences to the youngest possible parameters on any platform."

A relationship with a 17-year-old is not illegal, as the law allows a person of that age to consent, but is inconsistent with the expectations for a member of government, a point made clear by Chief Minister Andrew Barr's calls for Mr Davis to resign.

A person found guilty in the ACT of having sexual intercourse with a young person aged under 16 faces a jail term of up to 14 years.

After *The Canberra Times* revealed the allegations on Friday morning, Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry immediately called for Mr Davis' resignation.

The man, who was 17 when he first met Mr Davis, provided evidence of his relationship to the Greens after finding out the party had received a complaint about Mr Davis allegedly having sex with a 15-year-old. That person has not come forward.

The complaints have been referred to police, who confirmed no complaint had been made by a person alleging they had been a victim of Mr Davis.

A lawyer acting for Mr

Davis on Saturday said the politician had no comment to make in response to specific questions about the then 17-year-old man's allegations.

"He is unaware of the substance of the allegations made regarding his conduct, but understands from Mr Rattenbury's public statement that certain matters have been referred to police. Whilst those matters are being reviewed by police, it is inappropriate for Mr Davis, or others, to comment upon any allegations being made regarding his conduct," the lawyer said.

In February 2023, Mr Davis asked the then-17-year-old man in a Snapchat message how old he was.

"Even though I'm sure you told me, and it's just me being forgetful/paranoid, you were over 16 the first time we met right?" Mr Davis asked, in a message seen by the *Sunday Canberra Times*.

After the man assured Mr Davis he had been old enough - including referring to a photo of a COVID test result with his date of birth visible - the politician said he was "cool with it".

"One of those 'people would have opinions but we've done nothing wrong' vibes. I hope you've never had reason to question how into you I am," Mr Davis said.

He added: "A lot about you turns me on. The anxiety of people finding out doesn't. It actually makes me

really anxious. I'm sure you understand that right? Sorry. I'm probably ruining the fantasy for you. But we've been talking for a while so I'm just being honest."

The man said he resorted to lying about being sick to avoid Mr Davis' advances, comparing it to "chucking a sickie" to avoid a shift.

"We alternated between Snapchat and Grindr and Johnathan was operating multiple accounts on either platform which enabled him to inundate me with messages," the man said.

"I felt like his soft plush doll trapped inside a claw machine; even when I managed to break free of his grasp, Johnathan reached out again and again and again and again to ensnare me once more."

The man said he had sex with Mr Davis twice before realising he was a politician, as Mr Davis had used the initials "JD" in his dating app profile. Once confirming his identity, the man said, Mr Davis pressed for secrecy and privacy.

"I was flabbergasted once I found out and, initially, I believed it to be a coincidence. Perhaps there's another 30-something-year-old with the initials 'JD', I naively thought. Pure denial," the man said.

"I felt guilty about having potentially slept with a politician; I felt uniquely tainted; I felt as though I had tainted him, oddly responsible for his moral wrong."

"To an outsider, it may appear paradoxical to blame oneself; any rational thinker would recognise the ethics of the power imbalance."

The man said Mr Davis frequently viewed his Instagram stories from his official account during work hours and solicited intimate pictures.

The man said on one occasion he had been left humiliated and embarrassed after having sex with Mr Davis at his apartment, who then logged on to a work video call at home, while the man was still getting changed. The man said he had to crawl out of the apartment to avoid being seen on the video call.

"I vividly recall the panic I felt when I heard his chipper voice asking the colleague how she was going before he apologised to her for his dishevelled appearance. 'Forgive me, I've just gotten out of bed,' he [joked]," the man said.

"I stood there in his bathroom, phoneless, clothesless, and waited a few minutes before I decided to enter the lounge room and risk it; I crawled around like a baby to pick up my belongings from his floor to subtly leave his place.

"On my walk from his place, I was speechless.

"It was one of the first times I've walked without music playing; nothing could distract me from the humiliation and embarrassment I had felt."

Sting in the tail of Australian summer

John Kidman

WITH summer almost here, it's been revealed many Australians are missing vital first aid knowledge about venomous bites and stings.

Vaccine provider CSL Seqirus commissioned a survey of more than 1000 adults, 670 of them parents: it showed almost one in three people had themselves or knew someone who had been bitten or stung by a venomous critter.

However, less than one in 10 have received the necessary first aid training in the past 12 months.

The research showed

more than 3000 Australians were hospitalised each year after being bitten or stung by something venomous.

At last count, more than one-quarter fell victim to bees or wasps, nearly one in five were attacked by red-backs or other eight-legged nasties, and almost as many were set upon by venomous snakes, of which Australia boasts 20 of the world's 25 most deadly.

And the most likely places to suffer such an unfortunate encounter? In their homes for 18 per cent, backyards (40 per cent), toilets (11 per cent) and at the beach (29 per cent).

Knowing what to do in the immediate moments after (being bitten or stung) could make all the difference.

CSL Seqirus medical director Dr Julianne Bayliss

Even so, Australians rarely think to take a first-aid kit when they venture out, experts say.

To combat the problem, they're being urged to download the free Australian Bites and Stings App, which includes a geolocation feature allowing them to share their

coordinates with emergency services if they have at least one bar of coverage.

Appropriately, the campaign is being backed by the National Basketball League's Cairns Taipans.

Of those who took the survey, less than one-quarter correctly identified the

first aid steps for snake or funnel-web bites, and many wrongly thought a tourniquet should be used.

Just 4 per cent knew what to do if stung by a box jellyfish.

CSL Seqirus medical director Dr Julianne Bayliss said more people were enjoying summer outdoors but a changing climate meant a greater likelihood of meeting a venomous creature.

"The (federal) government ensures emergency treatments are available for Australians if they are bitten or stung," he said.

"But knowing what to do in the immediate moments

after ... could make all the difference."

People are being urged to download the Australian Bites and Stings App.

Less than one in 10 parents were very confident in knowing exactly what to do if their child was bitten or stung, half the number who did in the same survey three years ago.

The latest research showed 40 per cent of mums and dads had not spoken to their kids about first aid for venomous bites and stings, many because they were not sure what to say. One in 10 expected the subject would be covered at school.

Respects paid to sacrifice of others

Peter Brewer

REMEMBRANCE Day in the national capital held a special symbolism on Saturday as it marked the 30th anniversary of the interment of the unknown soldier at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The Prime Minister at the time, Paul Keating, delivered a now-famous eulogy that day which brought a tear to many an eye.

"He [the Unknown Soldier] may have been one of those who thought the Great War would be an adventure too grand to miss," Mr Keating said at the time.

"He may have felt that he would never live down the shame of not going. The chances are he went for no other reason than that he believed it was his duty; a duty that he owed his country and his King."

Mr Keating described the Great War as a "mad, brutal, awful struggle distinguished more often than not by military and political incompetence" and how "the waste of human life was so terrible that some said victory was indiscernible from defeat".

And fittingly, he described a national population at the time of just five million people, it was a horrific price to pay.



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at the wreath-laying ceremony on Remembrance Day in Canberra yesterday and below left, the visiting Scots pipers and drummers from Fort George, in Inverness, who will be playing at the British High Commission. Pictures by Sitthixay Ditthavong



life, the grief endured, the absences experienced and the loss of time together, that impacts us all."

Remembrance Day, or Armistice Day as it is also known, is always marked by a minute's silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, as the guns fell silent on the Western Front after four years of continuous warfare.

The number of people killed in the conflict - civilians and soldiers alike - still remains unknown, but is estimated at between nine and 13 million.

Hundreds of soldiers, diplomats, politicians, veterans and their families paid their

respects at the memorial on Remembrance Day.

Among them was a group of pipers and drummers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland, based in Fort George, Inverness. None had been to Australia before and were visiting as guests of the British High Commission.

Around the world, Remembrance Day is commonly shared ritual among the Commonwealth countries that fought in the Great War. In other countries such as Belgium and France, it is national holiday while in the US, November 11 is recognised as Veterans Day.

Poppies have long been symbolic of the occasion.

A Canadian doctor Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae treated hundreds of soldiers involved in some of the heaviest fighting of the Great War, during the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915. The area was also known as Flanders, and it was where there was the first recorded use of chlorine gas in trench warfare.

McCrae lost a close friend at Ypres, the soldier buried in a makeshift grave with a rough wooden cross. A day later McCrae penned the poem "In Flanders Fields", about the poppies growing in the battlefields. He died less than two years later of pneumonia and meningitis.

in the armed services".

"It is more than a job," she said. "It is about supporting and lifting others, it is about providing hope."

"The consequences of, and sacrifices for, service are a legacy of war."

"They are the enduring burden experienced by our people. It is the loss of

NEWS

TREE CHANGE ACT helps drive one of the nation's fastest-growing regions

Canberrans lured beyond Brindabellas

Adrian Rollins, Natalie

Vikhrov

FOR Robyn Saunders, the move to scenic Mundongo in Snowy Valleys has been life-changing.

A few years ago, Ms Saunders was unhappy with her job and paying off a sizeable mortgage in Canberra.

Then her son graduated university and was about to move out of home. That's when she realised there was nothing keeping her in the city.

The 63-year-old decided to sell her suburban quarter-acre block and buy a five-acre property in Mundongo.

"I'm now no longer working full-time, I'm mortgage-free, it's fabulous," she said.

The Snowy Valleys have emerged as one of the hottest destinations in the country for people - particularly millennials - looking to trade city living for a regional lifestyle.

For Ian Chaffey, mayor of the Snowy Valleys Council that stretches from the ACT's western edge out near to Gundagai and down to Mount Kosciuszko, it comes as no surprise the area has become a magnet for young Canberra families seeking a lifestyle change.

"We've noticed that houses around here are selling and people with kids are moving in," Councillor Chaffey says.

"Now that you can run a business from the dark side of the moon means that you don't have to live in the cities anymore. I think there is certainly a trend to move to more appealing areas like this."

The area's net internal migration swelled by more than 205 per cent in the



Selling up in Canberra and moving west to the Snowy Valleys has been life-changing, says Robyn Saunders. Picture by Keegan Carroll

September quarter and was up almost 130 per cent in the past year, research undertaken by the Regional Australia Institute and the Commonwealth Bank showed. It's the strongest rate of growth in the nation.

The study found the vast majority of new arrivals, almost 83 per cent, came from the ACT and more than half were millennials.

Real estate agent Ray Piper, of Ray White Tumut, said: "I have seen more coming from Canberra in the last two years than in the last 26."

Mr Piper said while young families were making the move, so were older age groups. He said retirees and empty-nesters were just "coming in the door, seeing

good value. They are not haggling".

Cr Chaffey said moderate housing costs were a drawcard.

"There is demand for land to build new houses on because the cost of land is low - \$150,000 for a fully-serviced block," he said.

In addition to affordable housing, the area had good employment opportunities and well-equipped services like schools and hospitals, he added.

With a background in education, Ms Saunders found part-time work as a teacher at a local school straight away.

"Anyone involved in education or healthcare, rural centres are screaming for people like that," she said.

Ms Saunders had the option of working more but being mortgage-free meant she could start transitioning towards retirement.

CBA regional and agribusiness executive general manager Paul Fowler said areas like the Snowy Valleys were part of a sustained net migration of people from the major cities into regional areas.

"Good regional job prospects and the likelihood of better house prices and availability are attracting many people to these more remote regional growth hotspots," Mr Fowler said.

"Digital connectivity also means that where you are is less relevant today. As a result, it's likely many millennial small business

owners are choosing to take advantage of the increasing investment and interest in regional development."

The joint RAI-CBA study shows the trend for people to flee the cities for life in regional areas predicated the pandemic and has persisted beyond it.

Migration from capital cities to the regions is 11.7 per cent greater than it was pre-COVID and in the 12 months to September 11 per cent of all relocations were in this direction, compared with 9.1 per cent moving the opposite way.

As a result, the index measuring net migration to regional areas surged 30.4 per cent higher in the quarter. Sydney was the biggest loser, accounting for

80 per cent of all migration away from the capital cities in the year to September, many of them heading to the Central Coast and areas like Lake Macquarie.

But the most popular destination for all movers nationwide was the Sunshine Coast, which claimed a 16.7 per cent share of all net internal migration, followed by Greater Geelong and the Gold Coast (both had a share of 8.3 per cent).

RAI chief economist Kim Houghton said the research showed millennials were the most mobile age group and were particularly drawn to Douglas in far north Queensland, Greater Geraldton and Waroona in WA and the Snowy Valleys.

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'A mix of emotions' as Aussie ballet star performs last role

Liz Hobday

DANCER Amy Harris is wondering how she will feel when the final curtain drops on her 22-year career with The Australian Ballet.

Her last role with the national company is playing Marguerite, in Marguerite and Armand by legendary choreographer Sir Frederick Ashton, a role originally created for Margot Fonteyn.

There will be happiness and definitely a few tears onstage at the Sydney Opera House, she predicts.

"I am going out with a really happy heart. I'm proud of what I've achieved in 22 years, so it's a mix of emotions," Harris said.

She began dancing aged three-and-a-half in her home town of Ararat and joined the



Amy Harris is retiring from The Australian Ballet with a 'happy heart'. Picture AAP

Australian Ballet School at 15. Even so, it hasn't always been an easy rise to the top.

"I had some struggles in the early years," Harris said.

"I had to find my way and it took a while for me."

These days she has two children with fellow Australian Ballet dancer Jarryd Madden and they are used to taking Willow, 8, and Phoenix, 4, on tour.

But that's a more difficult proposition at school age, she said.

Leaving the national company has been a bittersweet decision several years in the making, according to Harris, with Marguerite and Armand a beautiful ballet to end on.

It's based on La Dame aux Camélias, a novel and play by Alexandre Dumas first published in 1848 and part of the inspiration for Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge more than 150 years later.

Her performance features on a double bill

also including Ashton's Shakespearean adaptation, The Dream.

Marguerite and Armand is one of the tragic love stories that have been highlights of Harris' career, including dancing as Anna in 2022's Anna Karenina and Romola in 2016's Nijinsky.

So what's next? Harris wants to take the slow lane for a while but says ballet will remain part of her life: her eldest, Willow, starts classes this year.

Another top Australian Ballet dancer Adam Bull retired in June, also after 22 years with the company - he and Harris went through ballet school together.

■ The Dream/Marguerite and Armand runs until November 25 at the Sydney Opera House.

Bush bash nurses tag along 'just in case'

Peter Brewer

AFTER 16 years of following charity fundraising car "bashers" into some of the most remote areas of the eastern states of Australia, emergency nurse Paul Gould surprisingly hasn't had to treat a single snake bite.

"Oh no, that's jinxed me," he said. "Now it's bound to happen."

With his ex-Queensland ambulance LandCruiser troop carrier packed to its cabin headliner with medical supplies and equipment, Mr Gould and his daughter, Sarah, set off from Canberra this week to tail the field of fundraising four-wheel drivers en route to the Yarra Valley, in Victoria.

The route will take the 50 vehicles through Victoria's high country, finishing on November 23. Meals, accommodation and a track itinerary are provided, together with Mr Gould's medical support, should it be needed.

Each team car has to commit to raising a minimum of \$5000, with presentations along the way to sick children and their families.



Paul and Sarah Gould are part of the the 'bash' medical support team. Picture By Keegan Carroll

When he's not "Tail-end Charlie" in a charity vehicle convoy, Mr Gould is involved with aeromedical logistics for Retrieval Service Queensland, which charters helicopters and light aircraft to pick up and drop off patients across his home state.

The event organisers always have their own medical

support team because they aim to travel as a self-sufficient unit. They don't want to call on the already stretched resources out in the bush.

For all the thousands of rugged kilometres travelled as the volunteer medical support for the charity fundraisers, this was Mr Gould's first "bash" visit to Canberra,

the launch point for the latest event.

It is also his first with his 24-year-old daughter, also a nurse, but who has never been off-road driving before.

"I'll be teaching her along the way," he said.

Charity "bash" events of various kinds are regularly held and the Variety charity

has been doing it the longest, with events for two-wheel drive and 4WD vehicles. By the time this particular event is over, over \$1 million in total will have been donated.

"Most of the people in this event have been planning it for 18 months," Mr Gould said.

"For them, it's a celebra-

tion of their fundraising efforts.

"Plus they get to meet new people, see some amazing parts of the country and for some of them, learn more about their 4WDs in a safe, supported way."

Aside from one vehicle rollover a few years ago - "nothing serious, no one was hurt," he says - the events have been relatively incident-free.

But he carries a wide range of medical equipment just in case, from a defibrillator to snakebite treatment kits, bandages, slings and sticking plasters.

The two nurses are accompanied by a doctor, all the "bashers" are connected via UHF radio and the medical vehicle also has a satellite phone, "just in case".

Sarah views her first "bash" as an adventure and had her first challenge when she had to pack everything for 15 days into a small, dust-proof box clamped to the Toyota's rooftop.

"No make-up, no nice stuff, just some basic clothes; that wasn't fun at all," she said.



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WORKPLACE SAFETY Report backs nationwide ban ACT to campaign for so-called 'killer stone' to be prohibited

Lanie Tindale

THE ACT government will advocate for a nationwide ban on engineered stone, which has been called "killer stone" by construction work union members.

Engineered stone workers are at risk of developing silicosis following exposure to silica dust, Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety Mick Gentleman said.

Silicosis is a lung disease caused by breathing in tiny bits of silica.

"There is no scientific evidence of a safe level of exposure to silica dust generated from cutting engineered stone," he said.

"Engineered stone workers are markedly over-represented among workers diagnosed with silicosis."

"Engineered stone workers who contract silicosis typically experience faster onset and a more rapid progression of the disease than other workers, including those working with natural stone. It is vital that we take action to keep workers safe."

"We shouldn't have workers contracting potentially fatal diseases, just by turning up to work."

Engineered stone can contain up to 95 per cent silica, according to Cancer WA.

Cancer WA, which supports a ban on engineered stone, said half a million Australians are exposed to silica dust at work every year.

A Safe Work Australia report into the use

There is no scientific evidence of a safe level of exposure to silica dust.

Mick Gentleman

of engineered stone also recommended a national prohibition.

While options like a licensing scheme or a ban on engineered stone with high levels of silica were cheaper than a complete ban, Safe Work said a ban was the only way to protect workers.

"Engineered stone poses an unacceptable risk to workers, which is why a prohibition on the use of engineered stone is recommended," the report said.

"Expert analysis shows that dust from engineered stone poses unique hazards, and there is no evidence that lower silica engineered stone ... is safer to work with."

"There has also been ongoing non-compliance with [work health and safety laws] despite significant education and awareness-raising activities."

The report said a ban would likely cost the government more than \$108 million and businesses \$139.9 million.

Workers would likely lose \$2.9 million in income.



Andrew Olley, the foreman at AAA Absolute Stone in Queanbeyan.
Picture by Gary Ramage

Canberra business owners have called an engineered stone ban "an absolute disaster" for their livelihoods, while the Canberra Business Chamber said mandatory silica training in the ACT negatively impacted interstate trade.

"Extra costs from new silica dust awareness training requirements for employees who will never visit sites where they are at risk" is making it harder for businesses to trade with the ACT, a 2023 Canberra Business Chamber report said.

The ACT government, which has already placed prohibitions on engineered stone,

will advocate for a total ban during a meeting of state, territory and federal government workplace ministers in December.

Queensland and Western Australia have already banned engineered stone. NSW plans to ban the stone by the end of 2023, while Victoria backed a national ban in February this year.

South Australia has introduced regulations on engineered stone.

Caesarstone Australia, which makes engineered stone benchtops, has campaigned against a ban. The business said stricter regulation is enough to protect workers.

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Canberra's Palestinians in limbo

Family and friends of loved ones in Gaza are facing 'constant stress' for any news.

Bageshri Savyasachi

RESTLESS nights torment Palestinian families in Canberra who are anxious for news from their loved ones in Gaza, an enclave which continues to be bombarded by Israeli airstrikes.

Families said the lack of basic resources in Gaza had made it difficult for relatives to contact them, with some only switching on their phones once every three days to conserve battery and others whom they haven't heard from in a week.

Samah IA, who did not want to disclose her surname, last heard from her aunty in southern Gaza on November 2.

"We are constantly living in that stress and anxiety about what might have happened to them, and that's the case with all of my relatives there," she said.

"It's not a luxury of talking to them every day. It's like either a very quick call, or sometimes just a text message to say, 'Yes, we are alive'."

Her aunt's family has been housing about 50 people, including children, who have been seeking refuge after losing their own homes to bombing.

"They don't have electricity to watch TV and listen to the radio so they aren't aware of what's going on ... they hear the noise all the time and are not sure where the bomb is going," Samah explained.

With no access to clean water, Samah's relatives have been bathing in the sea and drinking filtered seawater. She was told they didn't eat regularly and rarely used the toilet to save water.

She said sending them money was useless as they had nowhere to buy food because local bakeries were destroyed from the bombing.

In her last message, sent more than a week ago, Samah's aunt told her she was fine and asked God to bless her.

Since then, Samah has tried to call her but did not hear back.

Her subsequent messages read: "My dear beloved aunt, reassure me about you. My heart is very worried about you."



Samah sits in her Canberra home waiting for an update from her aunty in southern Gaza. She hasn't heard from her in a week. Picture by Keegan Carroll



Palestinians look for survivors after an Israeli airstrike in Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip, on October 12. Picture Shutterstock

"We want to check on you as soon as you can send me a message. Is your situation very difficult? Please, tell me. I want to help you, but I don't know how."

The young mum was extremely concerned about women on their period and the spread of disease due to sewage problems and no clean water.

Her uncle told her it might be safer for him and his children to seek refuge in a hospital, but she was crushed when he said the hospitals were "overflowing".

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Khaleel E

"It's [conditions] that's not even [acceptable for] animals to live in," Samah said.

Another Palestinian Canberra said he was not sleeping at all.

Khaleel E, who did not

want to disclose his surname, had about 30 family members in Gaza aged five to 70. He said communication was on and off and he only heard from them once every few days.

"It's not about the weather or, 'How are your kids'? It's just, 'Are you still alive'?" he said.

His cousins in Gaza were on Facebook either posting about people who had died or how to protect oneself from an airstrike.

"That's not normal, that's what they send, basically how to survive," Khaleel said.

He said he was trying to be "sane" for the sake of his children, who had seen him glued to his phone screen for the last few weeks. He said he was not doing well at his job and had immersed himself in work to stay away from the news.

"I can't talk to my kids. I can't tell them what's happening. I can't explain it," he said as his voice shook.

He took a deep breath and said: "I just want to understand, why the brutality? Why the world is watching and nobody is doing anything?"

Another Canberra who did not want to be named said about 20 of his family members were staying in a house together, in Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

His cousin said he expected to "die any minute" in his most recent message on November 7.

The man said his family members didn't have

enough food left and were waiting in lines for six to eight hours each day to collect one gallon (3.8L) of water.

Likening it to a waking nightmare, he said he would try to contact his relatives every day to see if they had lived through each night of bombing.

"I don't know how many more houses need to get destroyed, how many more people need to get bombed out of existence for people to realise this isn't the way to solve the problem," he said.

"There's nowhere to go. They can't get out."

The Israeli government began its war against Hamas a month ago when the latter's attack on October 7 killed 1400 Israelis and took 240 civilians hostage.

As a result of Israeli retaliation, about 10,000 Palestinians, including more than 4000 children, have been killed in the last month, the General Delegation of Palestine in Canberra said.

A series of pro-Palestine rallies were organised in the capital on Friday and Saturday. Another is set for Monday, when buses of protesters from Sydney and Melbourne are planning to rally before Parliament House to demand a ceasefire.

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR Tensions flare in Melbourne

Police on alert after burger shop blaze

Callum Godde

THERE will be an extra police presence on the streets of Melbourne following a violent clash between supporters of Palestine and Israel.

The flashpoint followed a suspicious blaze at a nearby burger shop, which the owner claims was a hate crime sparked by his involvement in a pro-Palestine rally.

Police used pepper spray as the fight broke out in the middle of Hawthorn Road in Caulfield South on Friday night.

Pro-Palestine supporters rallied in Princes Park and were greeted on the other side of the road by pro-Israel

demonstrators, with officers wedged between the groups.

"There were two groups with approximately 200 people in each group demonstrating," police said.

One man was pepper-sprayed and removed from the area and another reported receiving minor injuries after being hit by a rock.

Police said they would investigate both incidents further and review CCTV.

The drama unfolded near a synagogue and Burgertory's Caulfield store, which was severely damaged by fire on Friday morning.

The burger chain's founder Hash Tayeh told reporters he had received threats and

believed the blaze was a hate crime after he was filmed at a pro-Palestine rally leading a "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" chant.

A photo of the damage posted to social media showed the restaurant covered in ash with broken windows and debris peeling from the roof.

"I refuse to be a casualty of fear," Mr Tayeh posted to Instagram.

On Saturday, Victoria's Premier Jacinta Allan said anti-Semitism in every form and attacks on the Islamic community were unacceptable: "We cannot let violence in the Middle East beget violence on the streets of Melbourne."

Opposition Leader John Pesutto said the scenes in Caulfield were "blatantly anti-Semitic" and all Victorians should be free to worship safely without fear of intimidation.

Police are treating the shop fire as suspicious although Inspector Scott Dwyer said he was confident it was not religiously or politically motivated.

"I would warn people not to make assumptions or draw lines of inquiry that aren't there between this incident and anything else that is occurring," he said on Friday.

Victoria Police confirmed there would be additional patrols in the Caulfield area

and officers were working with community groups.

"While individuals have the right to protest lawfully, we strongly encourage those attending to protest peacefully and without impacting the broader community," it said.

A spokesperson for Free Palestine Melbourne said a demonstration was held in support of the burger restaurant at a neutral location and organisers were not aware there was a Synagogue near the park.

"We apologise to the local Jewish community for the protest location that led to the evacuation of the synagogue, for any fear they may have felt and for the

cancellation of Shabbat," they said.

The statement went on to claim the group was confronted by counter-protesters and called on community leaders to ensure Burgertory would be welcomed and safe when it reopened.

Friday's incident followed the arrest of several people during a pro-Palestine rally at Flemington Racecourse on Melbourne Cup day.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong said the violence in Caulfield was unacceptable.

"There is no place for violence, no place for anti-Semitism and no place for Islamophobia in Australia," Ms Wong said.



Optus woos small businesses after outage

OPTUS has again apologised for Wednesday's large-scale outage, lasering in on impacted business customers and announcing the creation of a specialist hotline for complaints.

Optus teams had "worked into the night" in an attempt to take as many calls from disgruntled customers as possible, a spokesperson for the carrier said on Saturday.

"We understand and are very sorry our customers and businesses were affected by Wednesday's outage," they said.

"Our customer front-line teams worked into the night to hear as many of our customer issues as possible."

The telco has set up a specialist team and a separate complaints handling process for small business customers hit by the outage.

"We will look at the customer's specific circumstances and work with the customer on what options we can take to resolve their concerns," the spokesperson said. The 12-hour outage on Wednesday, left 10 million individuals and businesses unable to make or receive calls, or complete transactions.

Optus' offer of 200GB of data for those impacted was derided as inadequate by government and critics alike. Federal Labor minister

Bill Shorten on Friday said the extra data wouldn't "touch the sides" of customer frustration and encouraged small businesses to speak with their account managers.

The handling of the outage by senior management at Optus has come under as much scrutiny as the original fault, with teams scrambling to improve communication in the days that followed.

The Optus spokesperson said the company was working with the telecommunications ombudsman "to try and help our customers who have been impacted in different ways to find solutions

The handling of the Optus outage has come under as much scrutiny as the original fault. Picture AAP

that best suit their needs".

The federal government has announced a senate inquiry into the breakdown, while the consumer watchdog says guarantee provisions will cover telecommunications for small businesses in some cases, with those affected in line for a remedy. "Small businesses that have suffered loss or damage that were reasonably foreseeable due to the failure to provide the service may be entitled to compensation and this will vary based on the specific circumstances," an ACCC spokesperson told AAP.

Optus Business Centre or Business Care can be contacted on 133 343.

'Sudden' death of two young boys rocks Qld

Kathryn Magann

POLICE have launched an investigation after two young boys were found dead inside an unoccupied vehicle in a remote Indigenous community in Queensland.

Officers said a two-year-old boy was found inside parked car in the backyard of a house on Richardson Street, Woorabinda, 170km south-west of Rockhampton, about 6.15pm Friday.

The toddler was rushed to the local hospital by his parents but was declared dead.

Police attended the same address in Woorabinda about three hours later and found the unresponsive body of a three-year-old boy inside the same car.

Central Region Crime co-ordinator Darrin Shadlow said the older boy had not been found with the two-year-old because he was initially hidden from view. "The second child was lying down in the rear footwell of the vehicle and wasn't seen by the residents when they located the first child," he told reporters from Rockhampton on Saturday.

Police said the boys were related but were not siblings - one lived in Woorabinda and the other was visiting with relatives.

They said the car the boys were found inside was in the backyard of a family home and had not been driven for an extended period.

"It appears it is a tragic accident with the children, who have somehow gotten into the vehicle and have been there for some time," Det Supt Shadlow said. While it was too early to confirm a cause of death, he said it appeared heatstroke was a factor.

"It would appear from early investigations that there was heat-related stress," he said.

Meanwhile, Two teenagers died and three others were injured after their car crashed into a tree in northern NSW.

Emergency services were called to Plains Station Road in Tabulam, about 60km west of Casino, in the early hours of Saturday. They found the Volkswagen Tiguan had lost control and hit a tree, killing a 14 year-old and a 15 year-old.

WORLD**Biden, Xi to meet in San Francisco: US officials****Washington DC**

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden is set to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping face-to-face for the first time in a year, the White House says, in high-stakes diplomacy aimed at curbing tensions between the two superpowers.

The closely watched interaction, on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) summit in the San Francisco Bay area on Wednesday, could last hours and involve teams of officials from China and the United States.

It is expected to cover global issues from the Israel-Hamas war to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea's ties with Russia, Taiwan, the Pacific region, human rights, fentanyl, artificial intelligence as well as "fair" trade and economic relations, the officials said.

US officials, who have been pushing for the meeting for the better part of a year, believe China has actively been working to undermine US policy around the world. The White House confirmed the day of the meeting on Friday.

The Chinese foreign ministry said on Friday that Xi would visit the United States from November 14 to 17, attend the APEC summit and meet with Biden.

Biden and Xi will speak across oceans of ideological difference for the first time since November 2022.

The US president's team engineered a diplomatic blitz to repair hostile relations after Biden ordered the shooting down of a suspected Chinese spy balloon that transited US skies in February.

A main result is expected to be greater diplomacy.



Israeli forces are operating "deep in Gaza City" as they battle Hamas, the military says. Picture AP

US voices concern, Gaza toll climbs**Gaza**

THE United States has expressed growing concern about the rising Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip, where health officials said the number killed in a five-week-old Israeli bombardment had topped 11,000.

In his strongest comments to date on the plight of civilians caught in the Gaza cross-fire, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters on a visit to India on Friday: "Far too many Palestinians have been killed; far too many have suffered these past weeks."

Blinken welcomed the four-hour humanitarian Israeli pauses that the White House announced on Thursday but told reporters more action was needed to pro-

tect Gaza's civilians. Israel has faced growing calls for restraint in its month-long war with Hamas but says the militants, who attacked Israel on October 7 and took hostages, would exploit a truce to regroup. "Israel is now launching a war on Gaza City hospitals," said Mohammad Abu Selmeyah, director of Al Shifa hospital. He later said at least 25 people were killed in Israeli strikes on Al-Buraq school in Gaza City, where people whose homes had been destroyed were sheltering.

Gaza officials said missiles landed in the courtyard of Al Shifa, the enclave's biggest hospital, in the early hours, damaged the Indonesian Hospital and reportedly set fire to the Nasser Rantissi

pediatric cancer hospital.

Israel's military said later that a misfired projectile launched by Palestinian militants in Gaza had hit Shifa.

The hospitals are in northern Gaza, where Israel says the Hamas militants who attacked it last month are concentrated, and are full of displaced people as well as patients and doctors. Israeli government spokesman Eylon Levy said the Hamas headquarters was in Shifa hospital's basement, which meant the hospital could lose its protected status and become a legitimate target.

Israel says Hamas hides weapons in tunnels under hospitals, charges Hamas denies.

Israeli tanks, which have been advancing through

northern Gaza for almost two weeks, have taken up positions around the Nasser Rantissi cancer hospital as well as the Al-Quds hospital, medical staff said earlier, raising the alarm. Gaza health ministry spokesman Ashraf Al-Qidra said Israel had bombed Shifa hospital buildings five times.

Palestinian officials said on Friday 11,078 Gaza residents had been killed in air and artillery strikes since October 7. Israel had said 1400 people were killed, mostly civilians, and about 240 were taken hostage by Hamas on October 7, while 39 soldiers have been killed in combat since. On Friday, Israel's foreign ministry said a revised

death toll from the attack was about 1200.

The Palestinian Red Cross said Israeli forces were shooting at Al-Quds hospital, and there were violent clashes, with one person killed and 28 wounded. Israeli army spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Richard Hecht said the army "does not fire on hospitals. If we see Hamas terrorists firing from hospitals we'll do what we need to do. We're aware of the sensitivity (of hospitals), but again, if we see Hamas terrorists, we'll kill them."

The White House said Israel agreed to pause military operations in parts of north Gaza for four hours a day, and the army said Palestinians were allowed to leave over seven hours along a road south, but there was no sign of a let-up in the fighting.

Ukraine says it has sunk two vessels**Kyiv**

UKRAINIAN naval drones have attacked and sunk two small Russian landing boats in Crimea, Ukraine's military intelligence agency says.

Reuters could not independently verify the report.

There was no immediate comment by Russia, which seized and annexed the Crimea peninsula from Ukraine in 2014 and whose Black Sea Fleet is headquartered in the Crimean city of Sevastopol.

An initial report from military intelligence said

the two small, amphibious Russian ships had been hit overnight.

An evening update said the attack had been carried out by naval drones on the two vessels in Vuzka Bay, on the west side of the peninsula.

It identified one landing craft as an Akula class vessel, the other a Serna class.

"The results of intelligence conducted on 10th November 2023 near Vuzka Bay in temporarily occupied Crimea show that after an attack by naval drones, two

small Russian landing ships have been destroyed," the report said.

"As a consequence of the attack, both vessels went to the bottom, the Akula straight away and the Serna after attempts to save it."

The Ukrainian military said the vessels were crewed and loaded with armoured vehicles. Ukraine says some Russian navy vessels have relocated from Sevastopol following recent attacks.

In the latest fighting reports, the Russian news agency RIA quoted Russia's

defence ministry as saying Russian air defences had brought down two Ukrainian drones over Crimea and one over the Tula region south of Moscow early on Friday.

Ukraine did not immediately comment and Reuters was unable to verify the report.

Ukrainian officials said Russian artillery and drone attacks had killed three people and damaged unspecified infrastructure, power lines and a gas pipeline in the Dnipropetrovsk and Kherson regions.

US judge rejects delaying Trump classified files trial**Washington DC**

A FEDERAL judge in Florida has declined to delay Donald Trump's classified documents trial, calling a request by the former US president's defence lawyers to postpone the date "premature".

But she postponed other deadlines in the case and signalled that she would revisit the trial date later.

The ruling from US District Judge Aileen Cannon is at least a modest victory for special counsel Jack Smith's team, which had

vigorously rejected efforts to push off the trial beyond its scheduled start date of May 20, 2024. Cannon signalled during a hearing this month, and again in her written order, that she was sympathetic to the defence arguments.

The case in Florida includes dozens of felony charges accusing the former president of illegally retaining classified documents at his Palm Beach estate and hiding them from government investigators. Trump has pleaded not guilty.

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We are in a new coronavirus wave

We've seen hints of this for a while. What can we expect this time, when will we hit the peak and who is most at risk?

James Wood, Bette Liu, Katie Louise Flanagan, Stuart Turville

AUSTRALIA is now into its next COVID wave. We've seen hints of this for a while. Case numbers and indicators of severe disease began rising in Victoria in August. But it has taken several months for a consistent pattern to emerge across Australia.

Now we see evidence of this new wave via wastewater surveillance for traces of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID. We also see rises in COVID-related hospital admissions and antiviral prescriptions. Compared to past waves, this one has built up slowly and over a longer period.

Here's what we know about this new wave and what to expect over the coming weeks.

How do we know?

In earlier waves, when more people were testing for COVID and reporting their results, we were more confident case numbers were a reasonable reflection of how COVID was tracking. However, now, a more useful indicator for COVID nationally is to look at trends in the number of prescriptions for the antiviral medications ritonavir (Paxlovid) and molnupiravir (Lagevrio) on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

When will we hit the peak?

It has become more difficult to predict the size and timing of the peak. Reduced access to COVID testing and fewer requirements or opportunities to report test results, combined with the slow growth rate for this wave, give a wider range of possibilities.

The wave is also likely to differ between states and territories, as some got off to a later start. However, given the wave's slow growth rate and further increases in hybrid immunity (immunity from both vaccination and infection) over 2023, it's reasonable to expect this to be the smallest Omicron wave so far. We also expect it will be over by early in the summer holiday period. That's when rates of community contact decline significantly, as work and school contacts are much reduced. That means fewer opportunities for the virus to spread between networks of family and friends.

Why now?

It's unlikely this latest COVID wave stems from changes in behaviour. People are generally out and about, fewer people are wearing masks in public. But we don't see any dramatic shifts in this type of behaviour in 2023 compared with 2022. It's not a seasonal cause, given respiratory viruses tend to spread better in winter, when we're cooped up indoors with others. It's unlikely it's our waning immunity from infection or vaccination that's prompting these successive waves. Instead, we're seeing the result of a constantly mutating virus. Successful



SARS-CoV-2 variants are gradually acquiring mutations. Some of these changes reduce the ability of existing antibodies to bind to and neutralise the virus. So it appears it's still the "immune escape" variants that are behind these latest waves.

Which variants are to blame?

The primary viral lineage in Australia this year has been XBB. Over the past six months, its two most influential mutations have been: The F456L mutation that led to the rise of EG.5.1, also known as Eris; more recently, the paired "FLip" mutations F456L+L455F. We see these in offspring of Eris and in much-less closely related lineages. This is a clear sign these mutations help the virus spread better. Both the single and paired mutations make existing

antibodies less effective at blocking SARS-CoV-2 from binding to critical receptors on our cells. This increases our susceptibility to infection.

The novel BA.2.86 lineage - colloquially known as Pirola - was first reported in Denmark in August and has many unique mutations. It has not been influential so far in this wave in Australia. But it has continued to evolve. And we may see it play a much bigger role in Australia in 2024.

Who is most at risk?

Since the start of the pandemic, rates of COVID-related death and severe disease have greatly declined. That's due to widespread vaccination and hybrid immunity, and a major change in the Omicron variant that's made the virus less-likely to infect

the lung. However, provisional statistics show there have been about 3000 registered COVID deaths in Australia from January to July 2023.

Older people and those with weaker immune systems are expected to remain at greatest risk of developing severe COVID during this current wave. This is the rationale for the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation's (ATAGI) September recommendation for people aged 75 or older to get boosted if more than six months had passed since their last vaccine dose.

ATAGI also recommended people aged 65-74, and people 18 years and over with severe immunocompromising conditions, consider having another booster.

But, by the end of October 2023, it was estimated only one-quarter of Australians aged 65-74, one-third of people aged 75 or over and fewer than half (45%) of people in aged care had received a COVID vaccine in the past six months.

Which vaccines are available?

Currently available bivalent vaccines protect against the original ancestral strain of SARS-CoV-2 (now extinct) plus the newer BA.1 or BA.4/5 variants. These bivalent vaccines also protect us against severe disease from the Omicron variants circulating now, such as XBB. But we can expect newer monovalent XBB.1.5 vaccines soon, now the Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved them. These are expected to provide better protection against newer Omicron variants than the currently available bivalent vaccines. In the meantime, boosting with any available COVID vaccine will provide good protection for vulnerable people.

What might we expect?

The Northern Hemisphere appears to have settled into an approximate seasonal pattern of COVID infections in 2023 and it's plausible Australia will follow suit.

If so, we should plan for overlapping seasonal epidemics of our three most important respiratory viruses: SARS-CoV-2, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). So hospitals may need to plan ahead for larger peaks in admissions. Hopefully, new vaccines for RSV, and more broadly protective flu and COVID vaccines to be developed over the next decade, should help.

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EDITORIAL

It's no wonder the Snowys are calling

THERE are many reasons for people to move to Canberra, and these days they go well beyond just a job in the public service. It's not the biggest smoke in the world, the traffic is manageable, quality of life high and family amenities optimal.

But there are, increasingly, reasons these days to leave, and not just to bigger and better things, like in days of old.

More and more people are opting to move away to the regions, and more specifically, south to the Snowy Valleys region.

It's an area not often thought of as the optimal place for a lifestyle change. It's mountains rather than beach, and crisp - if not, as the name suggests, downright freezing - rather than balmy. But for a growing number of Canberrans, and indeed people from all over the country, the Snowy Valleys has emerged as one of the hottest destinations in the country for people looking to trade city living for a regional lifestyle.

But while the vast majority of migrants to the area come from the ACT, what's most interesting is that more than half of new arrivals are millennials.

The mayor of the Snowy Valleys council describes more and more young families moving into the neighbourhoods and choosing to stick around, and it helps that many people can now work remotely.

While for some, the commute between Cooma and Canberra was once just about

doable, nowadays there's no need to hit the highway every day.

And indeed it's long commutes and long working hours that have turned people away from bit city life.

But it's easy to forget in Canberra how warped our ideas around average incomes have become, and what is now required to live a so-called good life as a home owner with a family.

The capital is often seen as synonymous

with high incomes, and it's true that average salaries here are disproportionately high.

But with the public service accounting for less than half of the current-day workforce in Canberra, there is a large and growing number of people who simply can't sustain a liveable lifestyle here.

House prices are sky high, akin to those in Sydney and Melbourne, and many require two large salaries to service the mortgage.

It's no wonder that both younger people and those headed for retirement have decided that life here is unsustainable, and that a better alternative lies across the Monaro.

And it's not just lifestyle and house prices that are luring people into the regions. The old adage that better opportunities await in big cities doesn't hold true in this day and age, especially for those working in education and healthcare.

The outward exodus is a sign of the times, but the times are full of options.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There are humane ways to deal with Kosciuszko horses

I AM writing to you from Colorado, as the edict to kill thousands of horses made by the NSW government has made international news.

I have been fighting the Bureau of Land Management here in the US for years against their "gathers", where horses are chased by helicopter into a trap, and then, if not adopted, held in corrals indefinitely. I am against much of how this is done, although at least here it is mandatory that observers from wild horse organisations are present at the gather and subsequent holding.

From what I know of the killing slated for NSW, instead of gathering the horses over some period of time for adoption, the aim is to shoot them from a helicopter. This will result in chasing terrorised horses, the wounding and maiming of many that weren't killed outright, and many orphaned foals. Apparently there will be no observers allowed, so whatever horrors occur in such a mass killing will go unseen except by the shooters.

How a wealthy country could allow such an unconscionable extermination of sentient beings, with no one even to observe and mitigate the worst, is a mystery. If the government of NSW wanted to remove the horses from the land, there are other ways that are non-lethal if they were willing to consider alternatives. Why are people allowing such a horror show when there are alternatives? Does anyone care?

Jeffrey Hersch, Denver, Colorado

Careful study of drug use required

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Association (ATODA) notes the data that has come through in the latest wastewater analysis, including the increase in cannabis consumption in the ACT over the past few years. It is important to situate these numbers in a broader context, noting that this was a point in time collection with no broader information available about patterns of drug use in the community.

Drug use data tends to fluctuate over time. The data indicates an increase in cannabis consumption in the ACT from 2020-2023, however, we can see a similar (or higher) increase of around 35 per cent in NSW at the

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same time. In fact, an increase over the same period can be observed across all states and territories - excluding Victoria.

With this in mind - it is difficult to conclude that the increase was directly connected to the decriminalisation of cannabis in the ACT. Notwithstanding this, I fully support close analysis of a range of data sets including, but not limited to, wastewater data, to evaluate the impact of drug discrimination laws in the ACT. A thorough and ongoing analysis of drug decriminalisation requires consideration of other factors such as court diversions, number of people accessing alcohol and other drug support services, stigma reduction in the community and reduction in overall harms from drugs including overdose and hospital presentations.

ATODA looks forward to making an ongoing contribution on behalf of the specialist alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment sector in the ACT.

Anita Mills, ATODA CEO

Get back to real crimes

It beggars belief that when the AFP does not have resources to attend burglaries, traffic collisions but has time to give false evidence about fighting in public, and to conduct a witch hunt against Jan Spate, a much-loved vet already forced into retirement.

Her real crime was simply undercutting the extortionate charges by the veterinary establishment. I thought the AFP's job was to fight crime.

John Coochey, Chisholm

Important reporting for Canberra

Very good work from reporter Jasper Lindell on the sickening allegations surrounding Johnathan Davis.

We subscribers of *The Canberra Times* are frequently well-served by Lindell and his colleagues but this type of story is more evidence of how vital the work is for all Canberrans.

Erin Cook, Waramanga

Taking the slower ride

A bus trip from Gungahlin to Woden used to take 40 minutes. Rosemary Walters (Letters, November 10) is pleased at the prospect of being able to take more than 50 minutes to make the same trip on a "rapid" tram.

Leon Arundell, Downer

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A long, hard look at a funny life

The comedian, television personality and radio star reflects on a blessed life that began with a fair share of challenges.

Sally Pryor

WENDY HARMER has written and spoken a lot of words in her life, and a vast number have been about herself.

As a stand-up comedian in the 1980s and 90s, she mined her own life for laughs. She's been an outspoken radio personality since the mid-1980s, written several novels, countless columns, and talked about the facial deformity that defined her early years - a double cleft lip and palate that took several operations to correct.

She is, in other words, a known quantity.

But when it came to writing down her life story, she worried about the possible content - or lack thereof.

"I've just talked about my life so much over the years that I thought, what have I got left to say?" she says.

"It probably will be a pamphlet."

An interesting choice of words, because what she did discover about herself in the

course of writing what would eventually become *Lies My Mirror Told Me* (Allen & Unwin, \$34.99), was that she was a veritable "pack rat".

"I unearthed these boxes and there is every interview, every photograph, flyers, posters, you name it," she says.

"And so it got to the point, really, where if you asked me where I was [on a given] Friday night in 1993 ... I could probably tell you. So that was really useful."

Useful for the public-facing Wendy Harmer. But, as she points out in the book, the work is as much a "they-moir" as a "memoir". She has been able to contact as many people as possible, to check their version of events, and has often been surprised by the answers.

But she's also corralled much of the material into a series of chapters that each begin with the particular mirror she was seeing herself in at the time - the one that was, most of the time, telling her lies.

"It seems to be a very female experience

- an experience that women understand a little better," Harmer says.

"Often, when there is one of these life events, you do have that mirror image of yourself implanted in your brain, because I guess that we are keeping up appearances ... Those times where you look at yourself in the mirror, they just seem to stick with you, I think."

Growing up in country towns in Victoria, Harmer was the oldest of four children. Their dad was a schoolmaster, posted from school to school. The kids just adjusted, as kids do, but young Wendy, with her face "patched up in a rudimentary fashion", had it tougher than most. And her parents never let her succumb to her misfortune, to losing the lottery when it came to good looks, or even an unremarkable face.

So Wendy was a tough kid - she had to be. When she was 10, her mother ran away on her own birthday. Many years later, Harmer remembers, vividly, that she and her siblings had been waiting to surprise her,

to leap out and yell "Happy birthday" when she returned home, but she never did.

Her mother, it turned out, had returned to her hometown in Tasmania, unable to cope with bringing up four kids, constantly moving, living in backwaters with never enough money.

The kids survived; their dad shacked up with someone who was able to take care of their physical needs (a difficult stepmother, if ever there was one), and Wendy escaped at the first chance she got.

She became a journalist, then a comedian, television personality, radio star. The book is absolutely crammed with names from the comedy and entertainment world, wild anecdotes from the Edinburgh Fringe and Melbourne share houses, the Logies, the Geelong Advertiser, the Oscars. She travelled the world, lived across Melbourne and then Sydney, had some disastrous relationships, one of which finally drove her to therapy.

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Harmer takes a long, hard look at herself in memoir

From Page 13

In her 30s by then, she was finally able to accept that she had some serious abandonment issues. Happily, she found the right man to whom she remains married, one who proposed with the words "I'll never leave you".

Once there was talk of writing her memoir, it took her while, from accepting a sizeable advance, to actually get around to writing it.

This turned out to be a good thing.

"When I sat down and did it, I guess I'd been thinking about it for a while," she says.

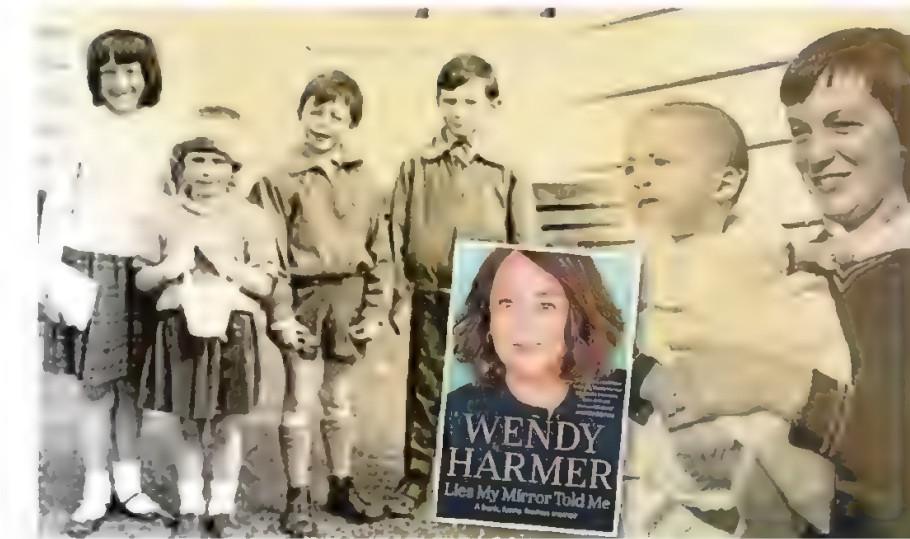
Her father is gone, and one of her brothers died from alcoholism in 2013, at the age of 54.

And she's the only one in the family who has maintained contact with their mother, now in her mid-80s and still living in Tasmania.

"It was really, really tricky for me to navigate her story... As I say in the book, she's a shapeshifter," she says.

"I'm not really sure that I have her story straight and of course I didn't want to write anything that was going to cause her more pain than she's already been through."

Until relatively recently, Harmer's mother had been dead against her story being



Harmer, far left, with her siblings; her new book; and being held by her mother as a baby. Pictures supplied

told in any kind of book. But things have shifted in recent years.

Both Harmer and her mother have come to a kind of agreement - that ultimately, her leaving the family had been for the best. She was depressed, suicidal and slept with a knife under her pillow. Who knows what might have happened had she stayed?

"It was an incredible thing, at this stage of life,

for me to say to my mother - and I've never been game to say it - 'I'm glad you left,'" Harmer says.

"And she said, 'I'm glad too, because if I hadn't gone, your father would be dead, I'd be in jail, and... you four kids would have been scattered and you wouldn't have grown up to be the people you are'.

"For all the years since she left, I think that's been a daily monologue... a

daily contemplation of how things would have been different and did she do the right thing.

"And as I say, I'm the only one who keeps in touch."

Meanwhile, Harmer has had the opportunity to look back on her own action-packed life and wonder how she fit it all in. Although she knows it was her father, and growing up in schoolrooms, that instilled in her a strong work ethic.

And the poor girl who was forced to face up to the school bullies throughout her childhood, until the facial reconstructions when she was well into her teens - what do those mirrors tell her now?

"I'll tell you what is completely horrifying - I was doing TV this morning, and what comes back to you is from the earliest days in your 20s, sitting in front of a makeup mirror," she says.

It was an incredible thing, at this stage of life, to say to my mother... I'm glad you left!'

"You're seeing yourself as others see you, and how you're going to look on TV as well. And I think that is actually hard for a lot of women in the public. I mean, this is just the most banal thing that anyone's ever said in their life, but for media personalities, that ageing process hits really hard and it hits different."

"I'm one of the great band of women comics who have just decided not to get anything done... I'm also glad to be in comedy for that reason, where you don't have to keep up those looks. You don't have to pretend that you're 23 anymore."

■ Wendy Harmer will be in conversation with Alex Sloan about *Lies My Mirror Told Me*, November 14 at Kambri, ANU. au/events

OPINION Sure the Wallabies' World Cup campaign was abysmal but here's a few ideas for improvement

Anyone else a little cheesed off?



Karen Hardy

I'M sure Rugby Australia has much more pressing matters to deal with other than listening to the advice of a middle-aged woman whose dreams in the past few months, dreams of rugby and other things, have been fuelled by excessive amounts of cheese.

Perhaps it's nothing more than an old wives' tale that suggests eating cheese before bedtime gives you nightmares. But that's what I'm putting Australia's run at the just-finished 2023 Rugby World Cup down to. If only I didn't have that last wedge of gooey Époisses de Bourgogne, the Wallabies' fate could have been very different.

But it wasn't. And as the more optimistic among our tour group suggested during our three-week sports odyssey, we can be proud to say we were there the day Australian rugby started to rise again. Because we couldn't get much lower.

I won't confirm that some people on the tour defected to the other side of the ditch, speaking with a slightly tilted accent and digging black jeans out of the suitcase. Go the southern hemisphere!

But after seven weeks of deep immersion

in France during the World Cup, here's a few things I noticed. Perhaps Rugby Australia, due to host the World Cup here in 2027, might be listening somewhere.

CATERING

I can't believe this diplomatic incident went unnoticed. You couldn't buy wine inside the stadium. Any stadium I went to, at least. Only beer (and softies and water), and only the Japanese beer Asahi.

Wine was available at only one venue I attended, at Stade Geoffroy-Guichard Stadium in Saint-Etienne for the Wallabies match against Portugal, where there was a set-up much like The Huddle at Bruce Stadium. A bar outside the main gates, but one which sold delicious gourmet pizzas, with live music and tables and rosé by the very generous pour if you managed to charm the young bartenders with your schoolgirl French.

Food inside the stadiums wasn't great. Popcorn was a fun idea. But apart from that, I was only able to source ham and cheese baguettes and a packet of chips. Outside, the main fare included hot dogs and very average burgers.

And the French pride themselves on their history of gastronomie.

If you're paying at least a couple of hundred dollars for a ticket, you want a half-decent menu. In comparison, the lamb shawarma at Bruce Stadium looks Michelin-star worthy.



It was the stuff of cheese-fuelled nightmares. Picture by Karen Hardy

slightly French word, at all venues I attended.

In Lyon, some people got stirred up as the throng got held up as security tried to get people on the light rail back into town. But it went in friendly waves.

Nothing like a bit of singing and shouting insults at French President Emmanuel Macron to calm things down. People were more riled up about his suggestion of increasing the retirement age than they were about the difficulties in getting out.

SINGING

Can Australia embrace a nationwide program to tune our vocal chords? We need a good national song. To hear the 70,000-odd Irish people belt out The Cranberries' *Zombie* after their win against Scotland is a memory that almost, only almost, betters hearing *Flower of Scotland* live.

What song should Australia even sing? *Waltzing Matilda*, *True Blue*, *Am I Ever Gonna See Your Face Again*? No way. You know the rest.

Even if the French weren't playing, you could guarantee there'd be at least one rendition of *La Marseillaise* during a match.

*Do you hear, in the countryside
The roar of those ferocious soldiers?
They're coming right into your arms
To cut the throats of your sons,
your comrades!*

We need to find this kind of passion.

A French ode to shared humanity

Jane Freebury

Paris Memories
M. 103 minutes
4 stars

It is hardly surprising that filmmaker Alice Winocour felt the need to tell a story connected with the Paris terrorist attacks of November 2015, when her younger brother Jeremie had witnessed it first-hand.

He was at the rock concert at the Bataclan on the night it was stormed and turned into a killing ground, and although he managed to hide in a back room, his family had no idea for hours whether he was alive or dead.

This story of a national trauma is dedicated to him.

Against this harrowing backdrop, writer-director Winocour has created the character of Mia, a translator and interviewer played by Virginie Efira, who happens to drop in on one of the hospitality venues also attacked that night.

While riding her motorcycle home, she had opted to break her journey during heavy rain and shelter at a restaurant along the way. It was a chance event among many others that brought her into the terrorists' line of sight.

Visually, the early scenes tell the story of a day like any other, from watering the plants on the balcony to plucking the fluffy tabby in front of its bowl at the apartment she shares with her doctor partner, Vincent (Gregoire Colin), before leaving for work.

Everyday life is visually unremarkable but beautifully captured, a reminder of its preciousness. Only the restless, nervous energy of music by Arvo Part on the soundtrack hints at imminent danger.

The details leading up to the moment that ISIS struck is like an inventory of what Mia can remember of the day, as she hunts for the details that she can't.

That's when the screen goes black.

What happened next? She says that it is effaced from her memory. She would like to move on, but that isn't working.

She reluctantly attends a support group



A scene from *Paris Memories*. Picture supplied

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for survivors when an aggressive woman accuses her of locking herself in the bath-

room, to save her own skin, sending Mia into a confused state.

As Mia begins to recover repressed memories, the journey takes her from restaurant kitchens to the streets of Paris where refugees, a step ahead of the Parisian police, earn a living hawking souvenirs.

A young waitress is able to offer Mia some vital information. In doing so, she recalls the young Australian man (played by Yoann Barrenechea) whom she was hiding with in crawl space between air shafts. Thinking they were going to die, they had shared a kiss.

If only this genuinely poignant, heart-rending moment wasn't accompanied

by an address to camera by the character himself. Unfortunately, Barrenechea spoke without a trace of an Australian accent.

It was a distracting detail which had me thinking that Winocour might find herself another casting director.

That said, both the recent impressive French drama *November* and *Paris Memories* have avoided representing the ghastly events of November 2015 and concentrated on the police hunt and the social impact, respectively.

Winocour's film goes a step further. Tempered with restraint and enhanced by moving performances, it is an ode to our shared humanity.

Puzzling, frustrating film squanders its potential

Ron Cerabona

Bad Behaviour
MA15+, 109 minutes
1 star

Getting to the end of this movie felt like finishing a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle where all the pieces are white and a few are missing - a lot of time and effort is expended with very little reward and overall it's a frustrating and incomplete experience (apologies if you like jigsaw puzzles).

Alice Engleit makes her writing and directing debut and also plays one of the lead roles. It might have helped if someone else had collaborated on the under-written screenplay.

Whatever the ideas were in Engleit's head, not enough of them were translated effectively to the screen.

What makes it particularly disappointing is there's a lot

of talent involved. It's billed as a dark comedy, but don't expect much in the way of laughs.

Both of the major locations - a movie set and a retreat - have lots of dramatic and comedic potential but unfortunately the movie gets too caught up in little things that don't mean a lot.

the group, and sometimes play games, like one person pretending to be a baby, the other a mother.

How this helps anyone - except perhaps the giggly Elon who professes to be enlightened but shows little evidence of it - is a bit of a mystery. Lucy doesn't always seem convinced, but goes along with it.

In New Zealand (where the movie was filmed - there seem to be a lot of Kiwis in "Oregon") is Lucy's daughter



A scene from *Bad Behaviour*. Picture supplied

Dylan (Engleit), who's working on a movie as a stuntwoman.

They converse occasionally by phone and it seems their relationship is a little strained.

Both of the major locations - a movie set and a retreat - have lots of dramatic and comedic potential but unfortunately here the attempts are unsuccessful.

The people and their issues aren't terribly affecting and everything seems lightly sketched rather than given

any detail or depth. And it's so slow.

There are one or two poignant and dramatic moments in the retreat but not enough to allay the suspicion that it's not only the characters who have wasted their resources.

Even less happens on the movie location.

By the time the real themes - of intergenerational issues and how they affect people - emerge fully, there's not a lot of time to spend on them and since there wasn't much groundwork laid earlier, they don't resonate as they should.

The scenery looks lovely, as you'd expect, and the actors are good despite their thinly written roles.

But unless you're a fan of the stars or very patient and prepared to be satisfied with what might have been, this isn't anything like a must-see, sadly.

Slash now for a stunning summer



JACKIE FRENCH

The roses are blooming in full glory. Buff Beauty's perfume is filtering through the kitchen, the pink one (whose name I forgot) covering the pergola by the dining room, the Icebergs and the Papa Meiland contributing to the general wonderfulness. They look fabulous and fill the garden with colour. So it's time to slash them down.

Not all at once, of course, and not to throw them in the compost bin. But if you cut roses back severely now, and give them excellent feeding and watering, they will give you a stunning show all through the holiday season.

Not much blooms in mid-summer unless you work at it.

Roses aren't the only plants that respond magnificently to a spring haircut. Our salvias of varied kinds are just beginning to show blue, purple and red flowers, which means I will give myself a week to enjoy them, then get out the long-handled secateurs and cut them back.

The hydrangeas are putting out their first blooms. I can't quite harden my heart enough to dispose of the flowers, but as soon as the heads are just beginning to open, off they will come, to go into vases so more will grow in their place, just in time for holiday visitors.

Cutting back won't give the growth spurt by itself. Your garden will also need extra good feeding and even better watering (never put fertiliser on dry soil). The cutting back technique only works with repeat blooming flowers and shrubs - though I've had luck with spring-blooming bottle brush and banksia, cutting back the first blooms, and feeding and watering well.

Pansies are putting out their spring display just now, but if you leave them alone except for admiring them in pots or garden beds they'll be a scraggly mess by mid-December. Instead cut back each small plant - perhaps do half the plants one week and the next half the second week, so you keep



After pruning, water and feed well to promote more blooms. Picture Shutterstock

a good display now. Feed them generously, and in return you'll not only have pansies (or heartsease) for December but even through next winter if you keep up the care.

Our dahlias have been fed and pruned already, ready to produce a second lot of flowers for summer festivities. I did the feeding. The wallabies did the pruning, munching off the flower buds just as they were opening. We were away for a few days though, so hopefully a more forceful human presence in the garden will keep the wallabies off the next flush of flowers.

It took me years to realise that if just left my dahlias to grow themselves, I'd get flowers by mid-January. If I actually did some gardening i.e. feeding, water and weeding, the dahlias would bloom by early December, or even earlier in a sunny spring.

This is the time to plant and then really cosset your annuals - petunias, zinnias, everlasting daises in the modern gaudy or subtle range of colours, Californian poppies, alyssum ... if it's in a punnet at the garden centre, it will grow gloriously here.

Plant gently, water gently, wait a few days then feed gently while watering again - then feed lightly every week and water every two or three days, and you'll have strong, vigorous and early flowering garden beds, pots and rockeries.

Sunflowers also grow wonderfully here, from the Giant Russians to the fuzzy Teddy Bears to the fabulous ones in autumn oranges and golds. I'd put them in the vegie garden to give colour and variety if I thought it would rain regularly this year, or if I'd have the energy to weed and feed them, but this year I'm sticking to the most essential veg, not just to save work and water, but because hungry wildlife tend to regard our garden as their refuge restaurant in dry years.

But get in the slashing spirit now. Each time a burst of rose buds almost open, gather a bunch for your vases, or work colleagues, or any doctor, dentist or book store you happen to be visiting. You will be spreading happiness - and getting a heck of a lot more blooms mid to late summer in return.

THIS WEEK I AM:

- I Watching the zucchini plants grow twice as big as I always expect, and the first blooms begin to form.
- I Muttering at the tomatoes which have decided to stop growing fast and are just sitting there.
- I Sadly farewelling the mulberries for the year. They were delicious.
- I Weeding (sigh). You just get the garden mulched and almost weedless, then the bushfire winds blow in enough weed seeds for the next few decades.
- I Discovering that broccoli sprouts have even more nutritional goodies than fully grown broccoli. I don't actually like broccoli, though this year we may just scatter broccoli sprouts through the salads to add extra goodness.
- I Deciding once again that geraniums/pelargoniums may be old fashioned, but feed them, water them, give them a warm spot and they will give you bunch after bunch of rich red blossom against warm walls or in rows of pots.

STARS

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SCORPIO

(OCT 23–NOV 21)

During December 2–13, life will be in full swing as you enjoy the thrust of economic life and the companionship of friends. Money seems to be flowing into your pocket.

SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 22–DEC 21)

Partnership and career matters will take priority over many other matters until December 2. This is a busy time and there is much to be accomplished personally by you during this period.

CAPRICORN

(DEC 22–JAN 19)

Capricorn needs to pay more attention to their health and personal problems over the coming three weeks, especially on November 10–11, 13–18 and 27–28. Perhaps it is time to take that annual break.

AQUARIUS

(JAN 20–FEB 18)

The social butterfly will have a wow of a time in the three weeks leading up to December 2, as you get into the swing of the Christmas and holiday season. Best dates fall during November 13–18.

PISCES

(FEB 19–MAR 20)

Career options will be on the minds of many Pisceans until December 2, and may be associated with banking, transport, communications or government. Investigate your options.

ARIES

(MAR 21–APR 19)

With Mercury in Sagittarius until December 2, many Arians will be taking stock of their long-range plans and will be working busily towards these goals. Consideration must be given to study.

TAURUS

(APR 20–MAY 20)

Money and its management will mostly captivate Taurean minds until December 2. You'll be making plans, lodging applications and paperwork, and negotiating.

GEMINI

(MAY 21–JUN 20)

During the three weeks to December 2, much of Gemini's attention will be focused on partnership commitments, whether they are personal or business.

CANCER

(JUN 21–JUL 22)

The three weeks to December 2 will see you focus on health issues and work, which is fairly usual for the average Cancerian. There will be plenty of planning, reading and communicating.

LEO

(JUL 23–AUG 22)

Your mood will be more light-hearted in the three weeks from December 13 as activities with a loved one, friends or children capture your imagination. There are important and enjoyable days ahead.

VIRGO

(AUG 23–SEP 22)

Life at home will be hectic until December 2 as you become more involved with the family and domestic arrangements, especially during November 10–11, 13–18 and 27–28.

LIBRA

(SEP 23–OCT 22)

With Mercury in Sagittarius until December 2, it is likely that catching up with friends and neighbours will be a number one priority. All forms of communication are strongly accentuated.

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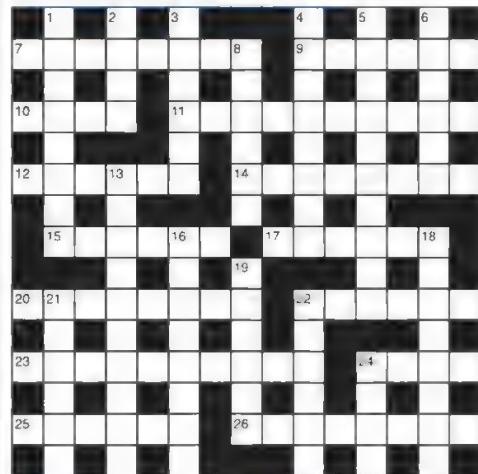
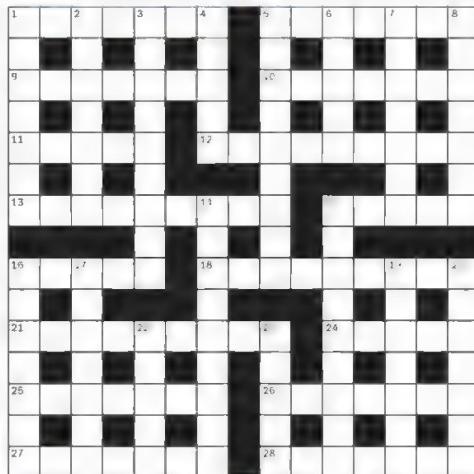
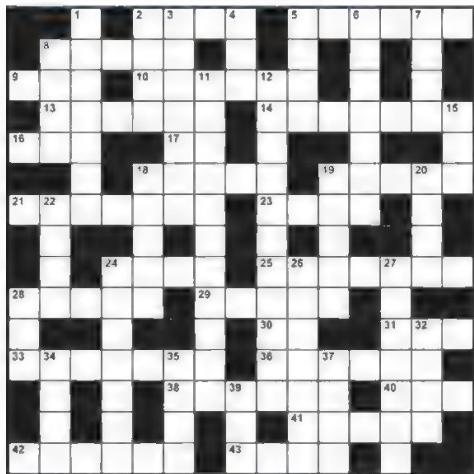
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ACROSS

- 2 Speck
5 Disarm
8 Noel
9 Charged particle
10 Arm muscles
13 Old Roman leader
14 Sloping type
16 Moniker
17 Exist
18 Peak of the Alps, Mont -
19 Sweetheart
21 Daily allowance (Lat) (3,4)
23 Always
24 US state
25 Liberty
28 Alter shape
29 Ringmaster
30 Advertisement (abbr)
31 Bedridden
33 Skin markings
36 Angolan currency
38 Shooting star
40 Menagerie
41 Round shapes
42 Protein found in legumes
43 British public swimming pool

DOWN

- 1 Executive
2 Cries
3 Flexible, easily bent
4 Part of the foot
5 Powder
6 Have sympathy (4,3)
7 Align
8 Soft drink, - Cola
11 Bagel topping (5,6)
12 Simple (coll) (5,2,4)
15 Knight
18 Beginning
19 Riverside embankment
20 Therefore
22 Fair
24 Arrogant social climber
26 Tree type
27 Light rain
28 US university (1,1,1)
32 Country in South-East Asia
34 Drug-yielding plant
35 Augury
37 Afternoon (coll)
39 Israeli city, - Aviv

ACROSS

- 1 Stretches between bends (7)
5 Identification of vessel having similar outline (7)
9 Wild and mute perhaps (7)
10 Money fine can upset (7)
11 Girl student's record (5)
12 No longer stress there is a supplement (9)
13 Bird catcher's practical joke (5,4)
15 Supporter of the Board of Education (5)
16 None but candidates would stand for them (5)
18 One who tries to steer a boat (9)
21 It's a cello arrangement for swing (9)
24 Dad's brother Sam in the US (5)
25 Vacancy for the job of a doorman (7)
26 Metal cover protects the sewer (7)
27 The weariness of military duty (7)
28 Perplex with a minus sign? (7)

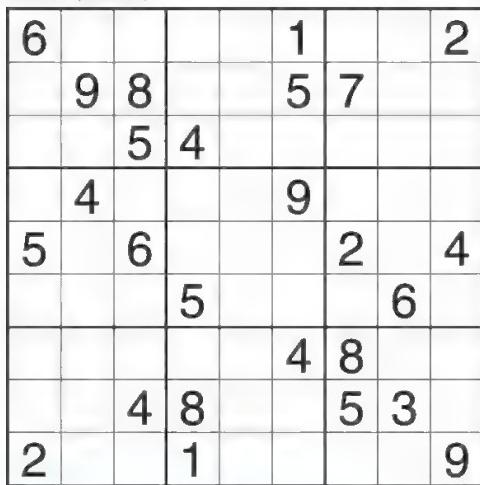
DOWN

- 1 Stalks out of the stage crowd (7)
2 A new notion for the Merchant of Venice (7)
3 Highest points of a world tour? (9)
4 Slide about the side-walk (5)
5 The point of this device may not be apparent (6,3)
6 How to arrest wear in a new engine (3,2)
7 Relatives unite as in a crisis (7)
8 Possibly learnt about Eastern immortal (7)
14 One might be the sum of two equal squares (9)
15 Technique in shooting for example (9)
16 Parade even though parade has been cancelled (4,3)
17 Article on foreign currency includes one no longer current (7)
19 A sound measure (7)
20 Smoking jackets? (7)
22 Deceptively situated (5)
23 Those who have this shouldn't feel hungry (6)

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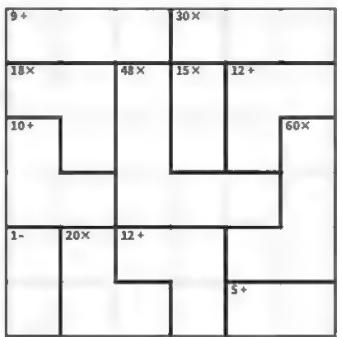
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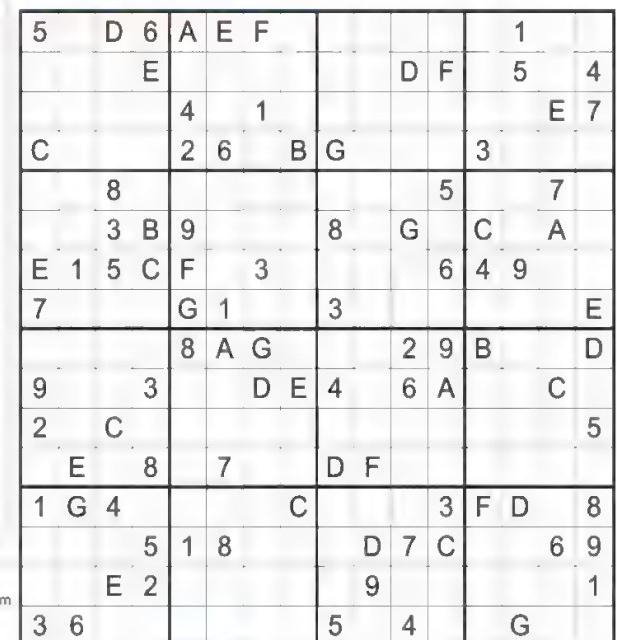
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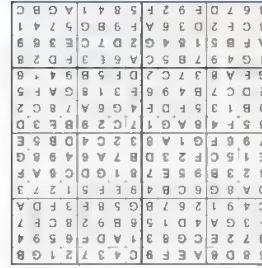
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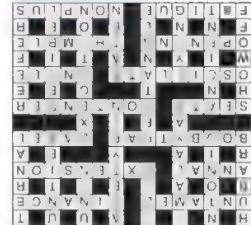
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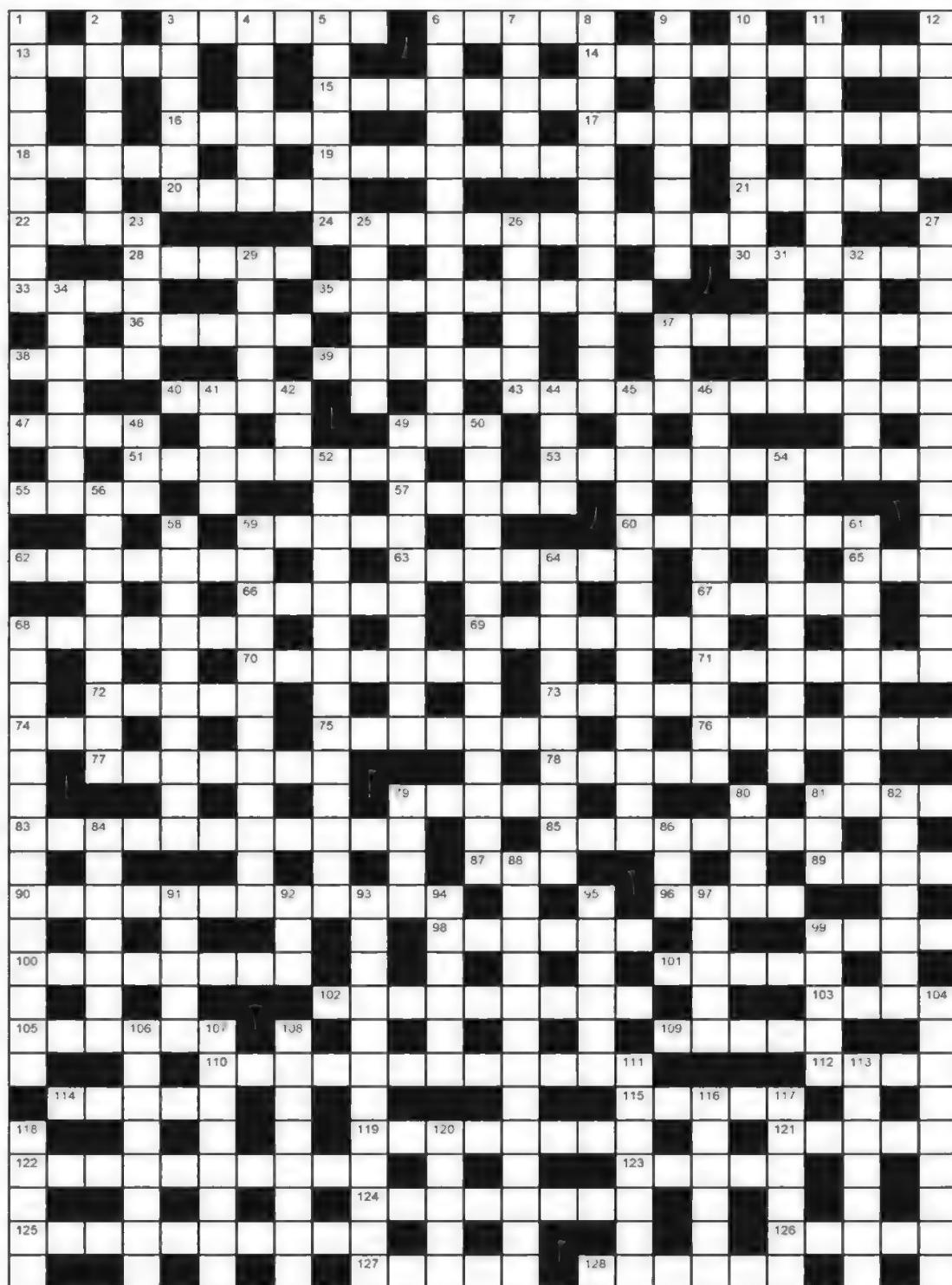
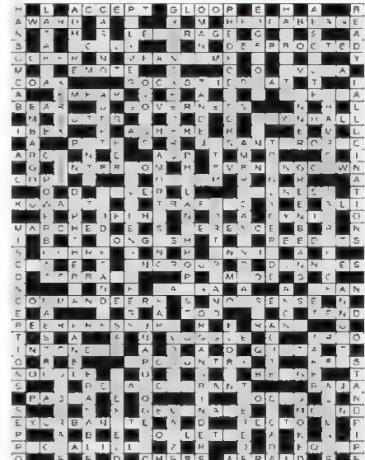


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ACROSS

- 3 Take what's offered
 6 Sticky or sloppy substance
 13 Bestow
 14 Coleslaw ingredient (3,7)
 15 Strategic advantage
 16 In a cold manner
 17 Ingrained, firmly held (beliefs) (4-6)
 18 Boorish Australian male
 19 Intervening stretch (4,4)
 20 Overact emotions
 21 Dangly lobe in the throat
 22 Lure, gently persuade
 24 Disturbs the status quo (5,3,4)
 28 To hinder or stop
 30 Afternoon refresher
 33 Grizzly or polar
 35 Private teacher
 36 Exterior
 37 City building (4,4)
 38 Wild Eurasian goat
 39 Stick to
 40 White inner skin of an orange
 43 Having a distrust of mankind
 47 Curved span
 49 Small viper
 51 Office speaker system
 53 Woman's formal wear (7,4)
 55 Oh no!
 57 Offensiveness
 59 Half a tenner
 60 Affliction
 62 Native of a Gulf state
 63 Deal (drugs) illegally
 65 Tale; --- Baba and the Forty Thieves
 66 Indian state
 67 Fault finder
 68 Walked in a procession
 69 Roman playwright and poet
 70 Fairly extended
 71 Fixes copy again (2-5)
 72 Earthy colour
 73 Lassitude
 74 US intelligence service
 75 Coterie
 76 Outdoor toilets (coll)
 77 Stretch of land
 78 Ammonia
- derivative
 79 Subarctic evergreen forest
 81 Trim
 83 Seizes for military use
 85 Twaddle
 87 '90s movie; In --- Deep
 89 Look after
 90 Influence of friends (4,8)
 96 Rabbit on
 98 JK Rowling character without magical powers
 99 Threesome
 100 Not accidental
 101 Share or ration due
 102 Midland (2-7)
 103 Piano parts
 105 Foam swimming stick
 109 Light brown
 110 Obstinately uncooperative
 112 Hindu royal
 114 Lasagne, spaghetti for eg.
 115 To deceive or cheat
 119 Arrange in pairs
 121 Heap or pile
 122 Semi-rural commuter
 123 Opposite of verso
 124 Fragrance; Eau de ---
 125 A relish
 126 Prepare for battle
 127 Strategic board game
 128 Fainthearted
- DOWN**
- 1 Two wheeled carriage (6,3)
 2 Aromatic Turkish tobacco
 3 Respect, look up to
 4 Gambling establishment
 5 Chemical compound
 6 Golf course custodians
 7 Muscat resident
 8 Forerunners
 9 Chisel or axe (4,4)
 10 Barber's trims
 11 Unqualified
 12 Set to begin
 13 Part of target near bull's eye
 14 Thing, object
 15 A member of the indigenous peoples of the US (8,6)
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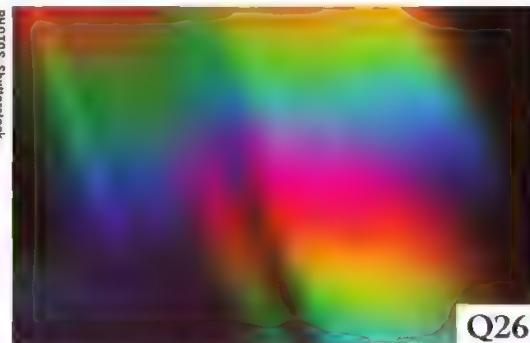
- How many years are there in a century?
- Spanakopita is a dish associated with the cuisine of which nation?
- What does the Japanese word sayonara mean?
- Who preceded Donald Trump as US President?
- What type of creature is a macaque?
- In which state or territory would you find the city of Cairns?
- Where on your body would you wear a fedora?
- How many times has the Olympics been held in Australia?
- Imperial, honey murcott and afourer are all varieties of which citrus fruit?
- What do we call the long stick used to strike the ball when playing pool or snooker?
- In which state or territory would you find the city of Wagga Wagga?
- What is the postcode for the postal delivery area of Sydney?
- Where on your body would you wear brogues?
- What does PS stand for when writing a letter?
- What type of animals are referred to as bovine?
- Name the only natural satellite of the Earth.
- According to the proverb, an apple a day does what?
- What colour is Marge Simpson's hair?
- What is the name of the US President's plane?
- From which language do we get the phrase 'faux pas'?

TRICKY (3 POINTS)

- Which sign of the zodiac is represented by twins?
- Name the comedian who created the character Dame Edna.
- Azure is a shade of which primary colour?
- How many strings does a traditional bass guitar have?
- What word can mean both the top of a mountain and a meeting of political leaders?
- Name the small triangular piece of glass that can create rainbows by bending light.
- Citrus fruits are generally seen as being a good source of which vitamin?



Q17



Q26



Q45

- How many lines does the traditional Japanese form of poetry, haiku, have?
- What type of creature is a hind?
- Name the UK's national security intelligence agency.
- Who wrote Jurassic Park?
- On which side of the road do you drive in Japan?
- In which year did Russia's Bolshevik revolution take place?
- Who was the first European to set foot in New Zealand?
- What country is found between Thailand and Vietnam?
- The game Tic, Tac, Toe is also known as what?
- In the Bible, the River Euphrates is referred to as one of the four rivers of what?
- From which plant do we get linen?
- In soccer, where can the goalkeeper handle the ball?
- Which holds the most, firkin, butt, barrel

or hogshead?

TOUGH (5 POINTS)

- In cricket, how does an umpire signal a no-ball?
- What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day in 1950?
- And how long was that item missing before its return to the Abbey?
- What was the name of Citizen Kane's house?
- On which island would you find the city of Copenhagen?
- What name was given to groups of sailors responsible for seizing men on shore to crew warships?
- In which James Bond movie did that character's Aston Martin car first appear?
- Who painted *The Laughing Cavalier*?
- Which Pope launched the Crusade movement?
- The de facto executive government of

France during the Reign of Terror was the committee of what?

- The constellation Crux is better known as what?
- Which species of cephalopod has up to 90 tentacles around the mouth?
- Name the two planets that have a retrograde rotation.
- Which Australian scored the first Test century?
- What was the first novel in the Discworld series to be published?
- And in which year was that novel published?
- What does a person suffering from acrophobia fear?
- In classical mythology, who was the beautiful youth loved by Aphrodite?
- The ancient Olympic games had only one event. What was it?
- How many British prime ministers have been assassinated?

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Why is the bar-tailed godwit under threat?**ASK FUZZY
WITH ROD TAYLOR**

OUR avian friends are not only essential members of our complex biodiversity, they play a mixture of different roles which are vital to us in ways most of us don't realise.

Each species of bird has its own way of maintaining the natural balance, both as prey and predator in the "pecking order".

Some are migratory; some are nomadic; some are permanent residents; some are waders or water birds; others inhabit dry bushland or tropical forest environments - but each has a unique place in the total ecosystem, connected like a cobweb to species both

above and below them in the food chain.

Which is the obvious reason why it is that human behaviour is putting them increasingly in danger of losing their natural habitats.

The other sad result is that we're starting to lose creatures of amazing skill and beauty.

For example, the bar-tailed godwit, a small-to-medium migratory bird that has been travelling between the east coast of Australia and the arctic regions in and around Alaska since ancestral times.

It leaves our eastern shores in autumn, flies via Taiwan to the rich mudflats around the Yellow Sea in China to fatten up, then heads to the arctic north to breed, before returning to Australia.

The distance involved is vast: a record migratory round trip of a tagged bird is an incomprehensible 26,700 kilometres.

Their young undertake their first flight unaccompanied, charting their immense flight path all the way to eastern Australia guided by imprinted genetic knowledge.

An ingenious aerodynamic design enables them to shrink the weight of their organs (except for the brain), concentrating their weight in the stoked-up breast for energy supply.

This pattern has remained through time immemorial, the birds obviously capable of adapting to gradual changes in wind and temperature variations, even retracing their course through glacial periods.

But all this is changing, attributable largely to human behaviour.

Numbers of this elusive species have fallen by an estimated 80 per cent over three generations, and of Australia's 828 species, it is now classified as under "extreme warning

status", in danger of imminent extinction.

The dredging of the wetlands around the Yellow Sea in China for human development could alone spell the end of their ancient history.

Like all living creatures, they function in the ecosystem as both prey and predator, so their loss will disturb that delicate balance.

They are also remarkable in their sophisticated design-for-purpose, in ways we could possibly learn from. But we will have to act quickly.

Suzanne Ferris is the author of *Let's Not Lose Them*.

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The city with shades of Canberra

The similarities are striking but Putrajaya could learn a lot from our capital, Michael Turtle writes.

TRY to guess which city I'm talking about. It's a capital city of a country, its layout was planned from the beginning, it has large roundabouts and wide boulevards leading to the administrative centre, plenty of green space, and a man-made lake covering about 650 hectares.

You guessed Putrajaya, right? I mean, where else could fit that description? Oh... of course, our very own Canberra!

The descriptions of the two cities are eerily alike and as I explore Putrajaya, I can't help but constantly think about Canberra. So many things are similar - as concepts, at least. But in reality, they are outweighed by the differences. What I end up realising is that Malaysia's new capital city could learn a lot from Australia's.

Putrajaya was only created in 1995, with the vision that it would be a second capital for Malaysia, housing the Prime Minister and the administration of the federal government, while just 25 kilometres away, Kuala Lumpur would remain the official capital and the home of the country's head of state.

The Prime Minister took up residence in Putrajaya in 1999, the judiciary moved here in 2003, and the last of the government departments relocated in 2012. Potential residents - particularly government workers - were offered subsidies and incentives to live here and the population is now officially about 100,000 people.

"So where is everyone?", I ask myself.

The centre of Putrajaya is designed around an extended central axis 4.2 kilometres long. Throughout the day, I walk its entire length in each direction, discovering a whole raft of interesting landmarks and magnificent modern architecture. Yet I spot only a handful of other people out on the streets until lunchtime, when a bit of a crowd forms around a temporary street food market - one of the few places I've seen where you can get something to eat.

After a while, I realise what is wrong. As a planned city, the centre of Putrajaya is dedicated to administration buildings. With no residential areas, there is little need for shops (I have trouble finding anywhere to buy water) or even restaurants (there are just a few).

Days are spent in the office; the rest of



the time is spent at home, either in the suburbs or back in KL, which is only about 30 minutes by train. It makes for a lifeless atmosphere verging on post-apocalyptic.

But does this make for a bad visit? No, not at all. Instead, I turn my attention to the city's buildings which, for now at least, are its most interesting inhabitants. With grand designs and a generous budget, Putrajaya's architects have created a collection of incredible pieces of art.

I think the highlights are the city's two main mosques, both on the edge of the lake but vastly different in style. At the Putra Mosque, rose-tinted granite is used to create a large pink house of worship that features design elements from the traditional Islamic architecture you'll find in the Middle East or North Africa.

The more recent Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Mosque has the nickname "the Iron Mosque" because it is 70 per cent steel (the rest is concrete) and feels futuristic in comparison. Unusually, it doesn't have a minaret, a sign of the contemporary approach that's been brought to the design of Putrajaya.

Across from Putra Mosque is Perdana

Putra, the imposing office of the Prime Minister. Whether intentionally or not, it reflects multicultural Malaysia with its fusion of styles including Islamic, Malay, Palladian, and Neoclassic. Further down the street, the grand Palace of Justice has parallels with the architecture of the Taj Mahal, an ornately decorated central dome surrounded by four smaller ones. And across from the court complex, the office of the local authority, the Perbadanan Putrajaya, features a 10-storey arch that creates a frame for the promenade to the Iron Mosque.

Does it matter what these buildings hold? Half the time, I don't really know what I'm looking at, yet it's still captivating. The inverted glass structure that looks like an enormous emerald (the Malaysia Energy Commission, apparently); the towers covered in a white lattice evoking thoughts of spring flowers (Malaysian Islamic Development Department Complex, a sign tells me); and the dark futuristic buildings elevated on concrete pylons that could be from *RoboCop* (the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, I read).

All day I walk around the city, through parks and across bridges, on a self-guided

tour of office blocks. Would an international tourist do that around Barton? They would go to Parliament House, yes, the High Court, sure. But the departmental offices? Probably not.

So the Malaysian urban planners have created something quite special in Putrajaya - an art gallery of architecture that is a delight to explore. But have they actually created a city?

In short, no, if you need life to call it a city. But perhaps we just need to give it time. It wouldn't have been fair to have judged Canberra in 1941, which is when it was the same age Putrajaya is now.

If Malaysia's new capital is going to grow into itself - and just like with ours, there's been plenty of space put aside to grow into - it might want to look at how Canberra found its vibrancy over the years.

And when you're next in Kuala Lumpur, consider taking the 30-minute train ride (or 45-minute trip on the new MRT line which opened just last month) to see Putrajaya for yourself and discover the beginnings of the Asian Canberra.

You can see more things to do in Putrajaya on Michael's Time Travel Turtle website.

True Chinese view of Aust resolve

Measured against the much-hyped unfreezing, there is another relatively downbeat assessment.

MARK
KENNY



THE top foreign students from greater China finishing their higher degree courses at Australian universities will be honoured in the capital later this month.

Before returning home to professional careers, 30 of these outstanding scholars will gain rich insights to the great institutions of state and culture via a series of visits and lectures. The goal is understanding.

The new Stephen FitzGerald Scholars Program has been named after Australia's first ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China when diplomatic relations commenced in 1973 - 50 years ago this month.

One of Australia's foremost Sino-experts, the 85-year-old Dr FitzGerald remains a highly respected figure in both countries after a lifetime dedicated to constructive dialogue and intellectual exchange.

With the current thawing of bilateral relations, the timing of this initiative is fortuitous and reflects the enlightened view that tetchy state-to-state relations are more durable when people-to-people relationships underpin them.

If there was a single word from Anthony Albanese's landmark official visit to the PRC, it was "stabilise" - a usefully bland term conveying neither guilt nor retreat. Nor even ambition came to that. The visit was all about stabilising a relationship that is unusually prone to insult and overreaction.

China is Australia's largest export market, a fact that has helped insulate it from exogenous shocks spanning four decades - from the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997, the Global Financial Crisis of 2008-09, and the pandemic of 2020.

But with that protection came vulnerability. The world's largest economy by some measures, could afford to blank Australia.

But why would it want to? To answer that, it helps to get in the mind of the Chinese leadership.

Yun Jiang, the inaugural AIIA China Matter Fellow at the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA), has tried to do that by travelling to China specifically to talk with international relations academics and analysts who consider the bilateral relationship all the time.

Her impressions are intriguing. For a start, she found both a willingness to talk about Sino-Australian relations and a refreshing diversity of views. Yet there were common elements such as a widespread sense of pessimism about the medium-term outlook, and a certain incredulity at Australia's meek bipartisan surrender to US strategic interests.

"Most PRC-based scholars and analysts are not optimistic about the long-term prospects for the Australia-China relationship," she writes in her report launched at Parliament House on Thursday.

Measured against the much-hyped unfreezing and the expectation of trade sanctions being lifted on wine, lobster, and other lines, it is something of a downbeat assessment.

The reason? First and foremost, the PRC



If there was a single word from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to China, it was "stabilise". Picture by Sitthixay Ditthavong

assesses Australia as lacking the capacity for independent thought because it is so hostage to its alliance with the United States.

Worse, it concludes Australia's bellicose rhetoric of recent years - mainly under Scott Morrison's leadership - was calculated to inveigle the US to keep us covered or, as Jiang put it, to act as "a shortcut to ensuring that it [Australia] will not be abandoned by the US".

Interestingly, Jiang discerned as much heart as head in the PRC's reaction to that unsable Australian messaging describing Beijing's indignant decision to punish Australia as "partly due to emotion rather than wholly a rational calculation of risk and reward".

Clearly there are emotions on both sides. China's deep sense of victimhood and its over sensitivity to being disrespected now that it has become a great power (again) is a factor. So too the almost theatrical Australian virtue signalling over its unimpeachable sovereignty.

Amid the hype around the Prime Minister's visit, China hawks in the major parties, think-tanks, journalism and the academy lauded the success of Australia's brave refusal to kow-tow to China's intimidation. We held our nerve, stood by our values,

conceded nothing and prevailed, the argument goes.

But if this was independent foreign policy it was very much at the shallow end of the pool. The days of John Howard's delusional insistence that we did not have to choose between our prosperity and our security are long gone. When the crunch came, our defiance of one superpower's bluster was enabled because we had done just that, chosen.

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eager to display our subservience for fear of being abandoned by our great and powerful American friend.

Jiang's conversations with Chinese thinkers identifies a similar theme revealing how poorly they believe Australia has leveraged its unique position as the resident Anglophone power in an Asian region.

"Most of these scholars see Australia's decisions primarily through the prism of US-PRC competition ... Canberra's choices are not driven by Australia's own national interests," she writes.

Among the more confronting observations she gleaned was the eminently sensible view that Australia simply had not needed to try so hard to impress the US because the exigencies of great power competition dictated that the US would come courting Australia anyway.

That's an awful lot of leverage to blithely give away. And quite a bet to place on a compromised superpower that is neither in this region nor certain where it stands on democracy and multilateralism into the bargain.

Mark Kenny is The Canberra Times' political analyst and a professor at the ANU's Australian Studies Institute. He hosts the Democracy Sausage podcast.

Far from reinforcing our sovereignty, it reflected what Allan Behm diagnosed in his superbly clear-eyed 2022 book - *No Enemies, No Friends* - as "a profound insecurity at the heart of the Australian character".

Behm characterised Australia as a chronically insecure nation of flunkies all too



The three-bedroom townhouse at 37 Barnet Close, Phillip sold for \$837,000.

Rate increase fails to quash demand

By OLWYN CONRAU

The latest interest rate hike has failed to dampen Canberra's housing market as first-home buyers continue to dominate and a wave of properties sell for well above their asking prices.

The fact it was Remembrance Day yesterday prompted several agents to schedule their auctions for a weekday or late afternoon, which turned out to be a wise decision as several properties attracted multiple bidders.

Blackshaw Manuka's Gillian Thorn scheduled two auctions for Friday afternoon and reaped the benefits of this decision as her houses attracted a swarm of purchasers, from first-home buyers to downsizers.

The single-level, three-bedroom townhouse at 37 Barnet Close,

Phillip, received six registrations and sold on the day for \$837,000.

In Bonython, Thorn's auction of the well-presented four-bedroom, two-bathroom family home at 88 Barr Smith Avenue attracted five bidders and sold to a first-home buyer for \$957,000.

The results indicated that the latest interest rate rise had failed to quash buyer demand. Thorn said buyers were well-informed and had factored in the costs involved when making purchasing decisions.

"The rate rises had already impacted borrowing capacity so the market has adjusted to reflect this," she said.

Agent Team's Steve Lowe sold the three-bedroom home at 7 Higham Place, Dunlop, to a first-home buyer. The price was undisclosed but sold in the high \$700,000s. ■

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Mid-week auctions

SUBURB / ADDRESS	\$'000	SOLD	AGENT
BONYTHON / 88 Barr Smith Ave	\$957k	S	BLAKSH
BRADDOCK / 33/30 Lonsdale St	\$575k	S	BLAKSH
BRUCE / 1/1 Fidler Ct	\$689k	S	BELCNB
CURTIN / 11 Peacock Pl	N/A	SN	INDPND
DENMAN PROSPECT / 6 Narratt St	\$1.2m	SP	SUBRB
DUNLOP / 7 Higham Pl	N/A	SN	AGENTM
FADDEN / 27 Courtice Ct	\$746k	S	BELCNB
FLOREY / 5 Fawcett Pl	N/A	SN	CARTR
FORDE / 20 Doris Turner St	N/A	SN	BASTN
HIGGINS / 3 Cussen St	\$830k	S	RWCNBR
KAMBAH / 12 Maldon Pl	\$855k	S	MYMRS
KAMBAH / 7 Amos Pl	\$688k	S	RWCNBR
KAMBAH / 41 McDermott St	\$680k	SP	RWCNBR
LATHAM / 18 O'Loghlen St	\$1.03m	S	SUBRB
NICHOLLS / 15 Ebeling Ct	N/A	SN	LJHKLN
RED HILL / 4 Wickham Cres	N/A	SN	BLAKSH
STIRLING / 9 Revely Cres	N/A	PN	LUTHWS
THROSBY / 18 Galaxias St	\$670k	SP	SUBRB
WEETANGERA / 30 Southwell St	N/A	PN	RWCNBR
WEETANGERA / 4 Mayo St	\$1.08m	S	RWCNBR

Saturday auction results

Number reported

57

Number sold

30

Total value

\$22,005,500

Clearance rate

52.6%

Highest Saturday sale

\$1.75 million

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40 Derwent St

Saturday auctions

SUBURB / ADDRESS	\$'000	SOLD	AGENT
BANKS / 3/3 Peron Pl	N/A	W	THECLC
BONNER / 16 Joe Croft St	N/A	SP	MORSSY
BRUCE / 17/35 Crisp Cct	\$650k	SP	LIHBLC
CALWELL / 75 Mountain Cct	N/A	W	BLAKSH
CASEY / 26 Grosvenor St	N/A	PI	THECLC
CASEY / 36/16 David Miller Cr	N/A	W	BLAKSH
CHARNWOOD / 3 Crowley Ct	N/A	PI	CANBR
CHIFLEY / 20 Mayn St	N/A	S	HAYMNP
CHISHOLM / 2/1 Ogg Pl	N/A	W	THECLC
CONDIER / 25 Templestowe Av	N/A	PI	CARTR
COOMBS / 43/9 Gustav St	N/A	PI	BLAKSH
CURTIN / 15 Boucaut Pl	N/A	PI	LUTHN
CURTIN / 13 Nelson Pl	N/A	S	HAYMNP
DEAKIN / 49 Newdegate St	N/A	SP	LUTHN
DENMAN PRSPCT / 13 Temple Tce	N/A	W	AGENTM
DENMAN PRSPCT / 26 Vellacott St	N/A	W	INDPND
DENMAN PRSPCT / 32 Shapira St	N/A	PI	BASTN
DOWNER / 11/36 Frenchham St	N/A	SP	CANBR
DOWNER / 103 Atherton St	N/A	PI	HOMBYH
DOWNER / 96 Melba Pl	\$1.62m	S	LUTHN
DOWNER / 81 Melba St	\$1.26m	S	LUTHN
DUFFY / 48 Mirrool St	\$1.15m	S	HAYMNP
DUNLOP / 16 Westall Pl	\$730k	S	LIHBLC
FARRER / 37 Muresk St	\$1.24m	SP	INDPND
FRANKLIN / 16 Gwen Meredith Lp	\$770k	S	HAYMNP
GOWRIE / 2 Stanhope Pl	N/A	PI	STONGN
GRIFFITH / 75 La Perouse St	N/A	PI	BLAKSH
GUNGAHLIN / 23 Frances Burke St	N/A	W	BLAKSH
HARRISON / 12 Karamu St	N/A	PI	LUTHN
HAWKER / 6 Andado Pl	N/A	PI	RWCNBR
HIGGINS / 44A Edwards St	N/A	W	AGENTM

SUBURB / ADDRESS	\$'000	SOLD	AGENT
HOLDER / 37 Spowers Cct	N/A	PI	LUTHN
HOLDER / 18 Stapylton St	\$1.16m	S	RWCNBR
HUGHES / 4/8 Bamford St	N/A	S	BELCNB
HUGHES / 11 Colvin St	\$1.45m	SP	CREMSO
KAMBAH / 5 Wittenh Cct	\$1.27m	S	RWCNBR
KAMBAH / 11 Gleeson Pl	N/A	W	BLAKSH
KAMBAH / 24 Carlton St	\$826k	S	MYMRS
KAMBAH / 10 Gunning Pl	\$844k	S	LUTNTG
KAMBAH / 16 Forrest Pl	\$840k	S	MYMRS
LYONS / 40 Derwent St	\$1.75m	S	BLAKSH
LYONS / 6 Ossea Pl	N/A	PI	BELCNB
MAWSON / 15/1 Wilkins St	\$890k	S	HAYMNP
MAWSON / 5/44 Shackleton Cct	N/A	PI	INDPND
MONASH / 132 Clive Steele Av	N/A	S	SOLY
MARRABUNDAH / 35 Scott St	N/A	SP	BELCNB
MARRABUNDAH / 92 Matina St	\$1.02m	S	BELCNB
NGUNNAWAL / 23 Bindugal Cr	\$950k	SP	STONGN
NGUNNAWAL / 6 Mundung Cr	\$695k	S	LUTNGN
NGUNNAWAL / 51 Mundawali Cct	\$745k	S	LIHBLC
O'CONNOR / 4/5 Schramm St	N/A	PI	LUTHN
PEARCE / 4 McLaren Cr	N/A	PI	HOMBYH
RIVETT / 297 Hindmarsh Dr	N/A	S	BELCNB
SPENCE / 298 Alpen St	\$915k	S	BLAKSH
WEETANGERA / 24 Abernethy St	\$1.3m	S	AGENTM
WRIGHT / 4/2 Harriett St	N/A	PI	HAYMNP

KEY

S Sold SP Sold prior PI Passed in PN Sold prior not disclosed

SN Sold not disclosed N/A Price or highest bid not available

W Withdrawn

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SUNDAY, November 12

ABC TV (CH 2, 20)	SBS (CH 3, 30)	SEVEN (CH 7)	NINE (CH 9, 90)	TEN (CH 9)	
6.00 Rage. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Breakfast. 9.00 Insiders. 10.00 Offsiders. 10.30 The World This Week. 11.00 Compass. (PG, R) 12.00 ABC News At Noon. 12.30 Landline. 1.30 Gardening Australia. (R) 2.30 Shakespeare And Hathaway. (PG, R) 3.15 Grand Designs. (PG, R) 4.10 Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific. (PG, R) 5.00 Take 5 With Zan Rowe. (PG, R) 5.25 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat. (R)	6.00 WorldWatch. 7.30 France 24 English News. 8.00 DD India Prime Time News. 9.00 Lap Of Luxury Escapes Down Under. (PG) 10.00 Welcome To My Farm. (PG) 11.00 Australia With Julia Bradbury. (PG) 12.00 APAC Weekly. 12.30 France 24 English News. 1.00 Speedweek. 3.00 Figure Skating, ISU Grand Prix. Grand Prix de France. Highlights. 5.00 The Point: Road To Referendum History Bites. (R) 5.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) 5.35 Underground Army.	6.00 Home Shopping. 7.00 Weekend Sunrise. The latest news, sport and weather. 10.00 Cricket. Women's Big Bash League. Game 36. Perth Scorchers v Sydney Thunder. From CitiPower Centre, Melbourne. 1.30 Cricket. Women's Big Bash League. Game 37. Melbourne Renegades v Melbourne Stars 5.00 Seven News At 5. 5.30 Sydney Weekender. Sally Stanton learns about eco-friendly habits.	6.00 Fishing Australia. 6.30 Drive TV. (PG) 7.00 Weekend Today 10.00 Sports Sunday (PG) 11.00 Cross Court. 11.30 Ironman. Coolangatta Gold. Highlights. 1.00 Fishing Australia. 1.30 Drive TV. (PG) 2.00 Bondi Lifeguard World Adventures. (PG, R) 2.30 Beach House Hunters. (PG, R) 3.30 Maritime Masters: Expedition Antarctica. (PG) 4.30 Customs. (PGa, R) 5.00 News: First At Five. 5.30 Getaway. (PG)	6.00 Mass. 6.30 My Market Kitchen. 7.00 Leading The Way. (PG) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. (PGa) 8.00 Everyday Gourmet. 8.30 Freshly Picked. 9.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 9.30 My Market Kitchen. 10.00 Studio 10: Sunday (PG) 12.00 The Masked Singer Australia. (PGa) 1.10 My Market Kitchen. 1.30 Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. 2.00 Food Trail South Africa. 2.30 Australia By Design: Architecture. 3.00 Cook With Luke. 3.30 Destination Dessert. 4.00 Good Chef Bad Chef. 4.30 Luxury Escapes. 5.00 10 News First.	
6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Hosted by Fiona Morse. 7.00 ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. 7.30 Joanna Lumley's Spice Trail Adventure: Madagascar. Part 3 of 4. (PG) 8.20 Annika. Annika and the team investigate when a Scottish millionaire is found dead in a shark tank. (Ma) 9.10 Shetland. Mounting evidence pushes Perez and the team to revise their view of Connor Calmer. (MaL) 10.10 Total Control. Final. Alex is on the cusp of rewriting history. (MaL, R) 11.10 Tropico. The investigation heads down a dark path. (MaL, R) 12.05 Rage Vault. Music videos from the "vault". (MA15+adhsns) 2.05 Escape From The City: Berowra Waters, NSW - The Hespes. (R) 5.00 Insiders. (R)	6.30 SBS World News. 7.30 Treasures Of India With Bettany Hughes: The South. Part 2 of 2. (PG) 8.25 MOVIE JFK Revisited: Through The Looking Glass. Whoopi Goldberg, Donald Sutherland, Oliver Stone. Re-examines the assassination of President John F. Kennedy through recently declassified evidence. (2021) 10.40 The Sit-In: Harry Belafonte Hosts The Tonight Show. (PGa, R) 12.05 24 Hours In Emergency. (M, R) 1.55 A Short History Of Living Longer. (Ma, R) 2.55 Focus On Ability Film Festival 2022. (PGa, R) 4.05 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PGa, R) 4.35 Bamay. (R) 5.00 NHK World English News Morning. 5.15 France 24 Feature. 5.30 Al Jazeera News.	6.00 Seven News. 7.00 The 1% Club. Hosted by Jim Jefferies. (PGs) 8.05 Border Security: Australia's Front Line. Bags full of designer goods have officers suspicious. A box of natural medicines is not what it seems. (PG) 8.35 Homicide: With Ron Iddles: Terry Floyd. Former police detective Ron Iddles looks into the unsolved 1975 disappearance of Terry Floyd. (PGa, R) 9.40 Air Crash Investigations: Deadly Deception. A look at Balkan Bulgarian Airlines Flight O13. (Mav) 10.40 EVI By Design: End Game. (M) 11.45 Autopsy USA: Rue McClanahan. A look at the death of Rue McClanahan. (MA15+, R) 12.45 The InBetween. (May, R) 2.00 Home Shopping. 5.00 Seven Early News. 5.30 Sunrise.	6.00 Nine News Sunday. 7.00 My Mum Your Dad. Kate Langbroek Intervenes when one relationship in The Retreat impacts heavily on two of the kids. (PGs) 8.30 60 Minutes. Current affairs program, investigating, analysing and uncovering the issues affecting all Australians. 9.30 Nine News Late. 10.00 Under Investigation: The Confession. (May, R) 11.00 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Deserae Turner. (Mv) 11.50 The First 48. (Mav, R) 12.40 World's Greatest Engineering Icons Power. (PG, R) 1.40 Cross Court. (R) 2.10 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome: Deserae Turner. (Mv, R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Fishing Australia. (R) 5.00 News Early Edition. 5.30 Today.	6.30 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. 7.30 Dessert Masters. New Series. Ten of Australia's greatest pastry chefs, chocolate connoisseurs and baking experts compete. (PG) 8.50 FBI. FBI special agents Maggie Bell and Omar Adom "OA" Zidan search for a killer who shot a drug dealer. Complications soon arise when Maggie's sister Erin lands herself right in the middle of the case. (Mdv) 9.50 NCIS: Hawaii. After a close call at a meth lab explosion, the NCIS team learns Kali is being targeted by an old friend. (Mv, R) 10.50 The Sunday Project. Panellists dissect, digest and reconstitute the daily news, events and hottest topics. (R) 12.00 Home Shopping. (R) 4.30 CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.	
ABC TV PLUS (CH 22)	SBS VICELAND (CH 31)	7TWO (CH 62)	9GO! (CH 93)	10 PEACH (CH 52)	
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ABC ME (CH 23)	SBS WORLD MOVIES (CH 32)	7MATE (CH 64)	9GEM (CH 81)	10 BOLD (CH 53)	
				6.00 Friends. (PG) 1.30 Mega Zoo. 2.30 Rich House, Poor House. (PG) 3.30 AI: Highway Patrol. (PG) 4.30 Abby's. (PG) 5.00 MOVIE The Pink Panther. Steve Martin, Beyoncé Knowles. (2006, PG13v, CC) 7.00 MOVIE The Lego Batman Movie. (2017, PG) 9.00 MOVIE Batman Returns. Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer. (1992, M) 11.30 Duncanville. (M) 12.00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians. (M) 2.00 Rich House, Poor House. (PG) 3.00 Teen Titans Go! (PG) 3.30 Beyblade Burst QuadStrike. (PG) 4.00 Yu-Gi-Oh! Sevens. (PG) 4.30 Late Programs.	
ABC NEWS (CH 24)	SBS FOOD (CH 33)	7BRAVO (CH 65)	9LIFE (CH 88)	NITV (CH 14)	
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WEATHER**WOLLONGONG**

27°C

Partly cloudy

MON	16/20°C	TUE	16/25°C	WED	18/22°C	THU	16/20°C	FRI	15/20°C	SAT	15/23°C
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16/20°C

16/25°C

18/22°C

16/20°C

15/20°C

15/23°C

BATEMANS BAY

24°C

Sunny

MON	11/22°C	TUE	9/24°C	WED	11/22°C	THU	10/21°C	FRI	10/22°C	SAT	9/25°C
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11/22°C

9/24°C

11/22°C

10/21°C

10/22°C

9/25°C

CANBERRA

31°C

Mostly sunny

MON	9/26°C	TUE	7/27°C	WED	11/23°C	THU	9/25°C	FRI	7/24°C	SAT	8/27°C
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9/26°C

7/27°C

11/23°C

9/25°C

7/24°C

8/27°C

REGIONAL OUTLOOK

WARNINGS were current at 5pm yesterday. www.bom.gov.au/nsw/warnings 1300 659 210

CANBERRA

Sunny. Light winds becoming west to northwesterly 25 to 35 km/h in the middle of the day then light in the late evening.

ILLAWARRA

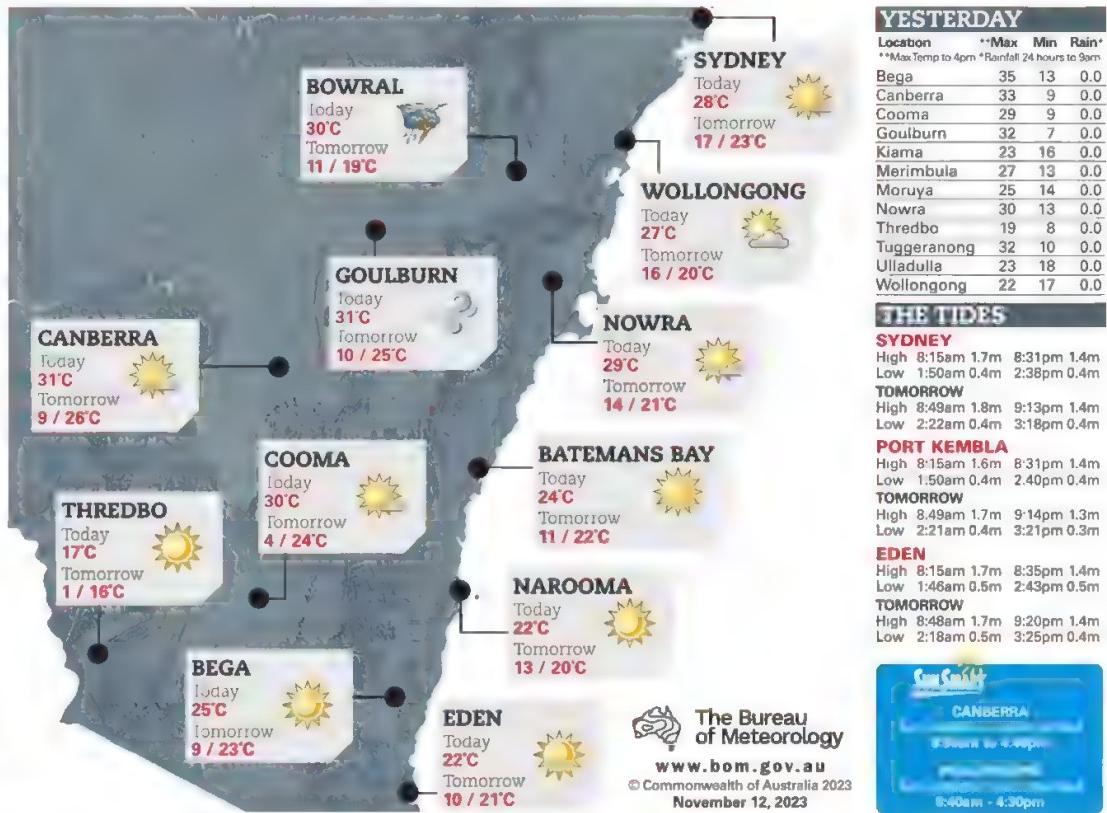
Mostly sunny morning. Slight chance of a shower, most likely in the late afternoon and evening. The chance of a storm in the afternoon and evening, possibly severe. Winds southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h tending northeast to southeasterly 25 to 35 km/h in the morning then tending south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the evening.

ILLAWARRA COASTAL WATERS

Winds: South to southwesterly 15 to 25 knots becoming variable about 10 knots in the morning then south to southeasterly 15 to 25 knots in the late afternoon. Winds reaching up to 30 knots offshore north of Port Kembla early in the morning and again in the late evening. Seas: 2 to 3 m, decreasing below 1 m in the morning. 1st Swell: Northeasterly 1 to 2 m, decreasing to 1 to 1.5 m in the morning. 2nd Swell: Southerly around 1 m. Weather: Partly cloudy. The chance of a storm inshore in the afternoon and evening.

BATEMANS COASTAL WATERS

Winds: Southerly 15 to 25 knots, reaching up to 30 knots offshore south of Moruya Heads in the evening. Seas: 1 to 2 m, decreasing to 1 m in the morning, then increasing to 1 to 1.5 m by early evening. 1st Swell: Northeasterly 1.5 to 2 m, decreasing to 1 to 1.5 m in the morning. 2nd Swell: Southerly around 1 m. Weather: The chance of a storm offshore in the early morning. Mostly sunny day.

**YESTERDAY**

Location **Max Min Rain**
**Max Temp to 4pm *Rainfall 24 hours to 3pm*

Bega	35	13	0.0
Canberra	33	9	0.0
Cooma	29	9	0.0
Goulburn	32	7	0.0
Kiama	23	16	0.0
Merimbula	27	13	0.0
Moruya	25	14	0.0
Nowra	30	13	0.0
Thredbo	19	8	0.0
Tuggeranong	32	10	0.0
Ulladulla	23	18	0.0
Wollongong	22	17	0.0

THE TIDES

SYDNEY
High 8:15am 1.7m 8:31pm 1.4m
Low 1:50am 0.4m 2:38pm 0.4m

TOMORROW
High 8:49am 1.8m 9:13pm 1.4m
Low 2:22am 0.4m 3:18pm 0.4m

PORT KEMBLA
High 8:15am 1.6m 8:31pm 1.4m
Low 1:50am 0.4m 2:40pm 0.4m

TOMORROW
High 8:49am 1.7m 9:14pm 1.3m
Low 2:21am 0.4m 3:21pm 0.3m

EDEN
High 8:15am 1.7m 8:35pm 1.4m
Low 1:46am 0.5m 2:43pm 0.5m

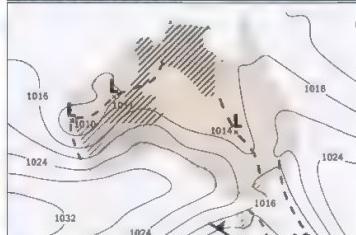
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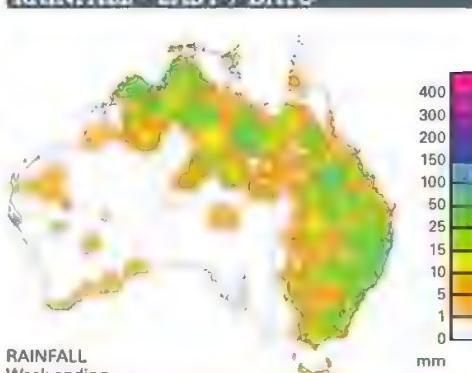
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— 1024 hectopascals (hPa) — Trough
— cold front — warm front

NOON YESTERDAY**10AM TODAY****10AM TOMORROW****10AM TUESDAY****THE WORLD**

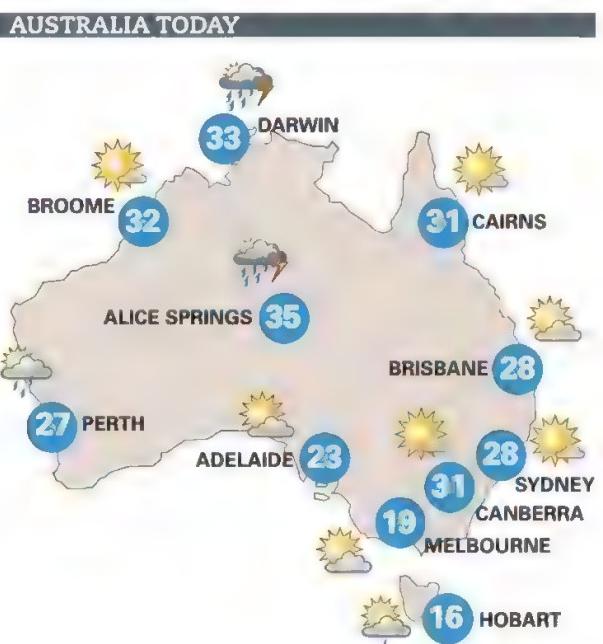
Location	Weather	High	Low
Amsterdam	rain	8	5
Athens	cloudy	22	13
Auckland	fine	19	11
Bangkok	storms	34	24
Barcelona	sunny	21	16
Beijing	fine	7	-2
Christchurch	fine	24	6
Frankfurt	cloudy	7	2
Helsinki	rain	7	6
Hong Kong	cloudy	27	22
Johannesburg	sunny	29	15
Kuala Lumpur	fine	33	25
London	cloudy	11	6
Los Angeles	sunny	29	11
Moscow	fine	6	5
Noumea	sunny	26	19
Paris	showers	13	6
Port Vila	showers	29	22
Rio De Janeiro	cloudy	40	25
Rome	mist	20	10
Seoul	fine	6	-3
Singapore	storms	34	24
Suva	storms	28	24
Tel Aviv	showers	29	20
Tokyo	cloudy	15	10
Vancouver	showers	10	8
Washington	sunny	10	1
Wellington	fine	18	10

RAINFALL - LAST 7 DAYS**SUN & MOON**

SYDNEY	MELBOURNE	CANBERRA	HOBART
Rise 5:46am	Rise 6:03am	Rise 5:51am	Rise 5:41am
Set 7:33pm	Set 8:06pm	Set 7:44pm	Set 8:08pm
Rise 4:51am	Rise 5:11am	Rise 4:57am	Rise 4:54am
Set 8:27pm	Set 7:00pm	Set 6:38pm	Set 7:00pm

PHASES OF THE MOON

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	Dec 5



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- The Courier (Ballarat, VIC)
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EARLY QUADDEE 1, 2, 3, 4

TREBLE 6, 7, 8

QUADRILLA 5, 6, 7, 8

BIG6 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

TRACK: GOOD (4) RAIL: TRUE

1. 1.20 Dwyers T'port & Nutrien Ag 1000m

Maiden. Apprentices can claim \$30,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 25 GECKO COIN (14)	H Van Der Hoven	59	7.50	\$100.00
2 9 SWILKEN BRIDGE (6)	S Lisyay	58	81	\$1.00
3 6s SOUTH BULLAWAY (1)	Ms W Peel	57	77	\$101.00
4 42 I'M INDEPENDENT (5)	J Tracey Holmes	56.5	100	\$2.30
5 7 COMICAL DELIGHT (10)	D Stanley (a3)	56	78	\$1.00
6 11 EAGLE GAL (13)	K Dunbar	56	78	\$1.00
7 584 FLYING MOLLY (b2)	C Gallagher	55.5	99	\$4.00
8 GOLDEN COW (8)	Ms C Houghart (a3)	55.5	78	\$1.00
9 603 VIOLET AND BLUE (3)	M A Cahill	55.5	95	\$4.00
10 5525 CHEEKY SECRETS (12)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	75	\$13.00
11 5755 COSTABUK (4)	Ms K Bel Pitomac	54	84	\$1.00
12 8375 INDEPENDENT SCOOP (11)	A Banks	53	95	\$18.00
13 5545 MEET IN BRAZIL (9)	R Simpson (a5)	53	93	\$5.00
14 7705 THE HOFF (7)	Ms Cings	53	78	\$1.00

I'M INDEPENDENT, Meet in Brazil, Gecko Coin, Flying Molly

2. 1.55 B & D Brouff Excavation 1400m

Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim \$30,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 43822 RINGSIDE (10)	R Simpson (a15)	61.5	100	\$5.00
2 34632 HEMSTED dtcw (3)	Ms J Prestis (a15)	60.5	99	\$4.60
3 10269 STRATEGIC CHARGE	M A Cahill	60.5	90	\$2.00
4 40911 MAJESTIC WINGS (w10)	Mz Z Hunt (a)	60	91	\$14.00
5 69777 WITNESS COLLECTOR	Ms A Staney	59.5	93	\$15.00
6 s7162 IMPERIOUS	(w13)	59	93	\$5.50
7 44765 TURNAWAY (w1)	J Tracey Holmes	59	95	\$5.50
8 28212 SONS OF BOURKE (b2)	D Stanley (a3)	58.5	96	\$9.00
9 25558 OHWATA CRUMPT (5)	Scrapped	57.5	-	
10 45743 LUNA EAGLE (7)	C Gallagher	56.5	89	\$9.00
11 42147 DISTINCTIVE GLORY (w4)	M A Ingles (a2)	55.5	90	\$14.00
12 05644 ARE YOU CERTAIN (w9)	M A Staney	55	84	\$1.00
13 10480 MONEY NOT MY GOD (2)	H Van Der Hoven	55	84	\$1.00
14 23203 RINGSIDE (12)	R Simpson (a5)	55	84	\$1.00

RINGSIDE, Hemsted, Imperious, Majestic Wings

3. 2.30 Hutchen & Pearce Super Mid Stcse Plate 1400m

Maiden. Apprentices can claim \$50,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 35676 FINES (10)	Ms A Roper (a)	59	79	\$1.00
2 25222 INFINITE PRINCE (b7)	M A Cahill	59	100	\$3.70
3 49552 MIKE (15)	R Simpson (a15)	59	93	\$5.00
4 06s PARISIAN ROCKSTAR (1)	Ms K Bell Pitomac	59	90	\$8.00
5 9493 POWER TO DECEIVE (14)	M A Ingles (a2)	59	70	\$1.00
6 44092 SENSEI JACKIE (8)	H Van Der Hoven	59	97	\$19.00
7 29343 SUALMAHER (5)	J Barrett (a5)	59	91	\$1.00
8 55655 THE NOMAD (3)	M Heaney	59	76	\$15.00
9 56740 YOU HAVE TO GO (13)	Scrapped	59	-	
10 9567 FASTEST REVENGE (2)	A Banks	57.5	82	\$1.00
11 44 STOCKHOLM (16)	J Tracey Holmes	57.5	93	\$7.00
12 46504 BLISS (6)	C Gallagher	57	98	\$5.00
13 552 SPORTS PAGE (11)	Ms W Peel	57	97	\$15.00
14 23203 WORLD ATLAS (12)	Ms S Ingles (a2)	57	87	\$1.00

EMERGENCIES

15 94877 SNOW MISSILE (17)

59

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16 32704 KING QIN (4)

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87

\$1.00

17 05054 RAIN DON (9)

59

90

\$1.00

18 INFINITE PRINCE, Bliss, Stockholm, Parisian Rockstar

FINES, Captain Kenny, Warrant

EXSENSIBLE, Olmita, Captain Kenny, Warrant

19 2.05 Dash's Hardware/Kirks IgA Plate

1100m F&G Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim \$27,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 G455 JUST BEATHE (1)	Scrapped	58	-	
2 09s POINT FORM (h5)	B Nock (a2)	58	76	\$1.00
3 04505 PRAYERS (3)	M Squares	58	90	\$8.00
4 5657 RAPIDLY (10)	B Looke (a)	58	81	\$19.00
5 05808 HINOKO'S MIEG (5)	V. Vilas (a)	57.5	88	\$1.00
6 24652 OLIMPA (2)	J Barne (a2)	57	95	\$3.50
7 7677 THOR'S LIGHTNING (1)	B Gray	57	81	\$2.00
8 7707 WARRANT (8)	Matthew Palmer	57	82	\$11.00

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21 3.20 Guyra Fuels/Fourways Serv

1900m Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim \$27,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 53623 BILL PEYTO (h4)	B Nock (a2)	59	93	\$7.00
2 13361 NATORI (1)	D Mc Lellan	59	100	\$5.00
3 31178 OUR GIRL ELEW (3)	Matthew Palmer	59	89	\$4.00
4 93038 TSARINA CHAOS (1)	B Nock (a2)	58.5	87	\$1.00
5 10524 SACRED HEART (dtcw (2))	Ms C Williams (a2)	58.5	95	\$6.50
6 84628 NOT LAST LEAST (w7)	M Stapleton (a2)	57.5	95	\$6.50
7 09384 MEMBERS ONLY (w10)	B Gray	57	87	\$4.00
8 5807 ONEWAY (7)	Ms W Peel	57	91	\$19.00
9 00008 STAR STOCK (w5)	C Vitter (a3)	57	81	\$1.00
10 88429 MASTOR FONTANA (w8)	J Barne (a2)	57	95	\$9.00

BILL PEYTO, Nicator, Sacred Girl, Our Girl Ewe

TSARINA CHAOS, Rapidly, Winged Beauty, Wet and Windy

3. 2.40 Guyra Fuels/Fourways Serv

1900m Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim \$27,000.

No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 53623 BILL PEYTO (h4)	B Nock (a2)	59	93	\$7.00
2 13361 NATORI (1)	D Mc Lellan	59	100	\$5.00
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SEAHANAH, Buffe Buster, Indifferance, Stay Safe

7. 510 Guyra Hotel Handicap

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No Form Horse	Jockey	Wgt	Rtg	Price
1 09890 ENDLESS RIVER (h6)	G Cahill (a3)	61	87	\$1.00
2 96979 MAROKKA (w10)	C Vitter (a3)	61	93	\$17.00
3 1s149 AQUARTER (w12)	M Stapleton (a3)	61	93	\$4.20
4 20632 GOLD COUNTER (w13)	D Mc Lellan	60.5	100	\$5.00
5 66457 NOSEY (dtw (11))	Ms W Peel	59.5	19.00	
6 22067 OUTTA DE LADY (1)	B Nock (a2)	59.5	99.44	
7 04366 SLICE OF HEAVEN (w5)	L Rols	59	13.00	
8 67450 INDIFFERENCE (dw3)	L Rols	58	100.00	
9 42922 BUFFET BUSTER (dtcw (5))	A Morgan	58	92	
10 16332 EXONUMIA (w8)	Scrapped	55	-	
11 2357 REBELS EDGE (w10)	D Mc Lellan	55	87	\$13.00
12 42101 ROYAL (dw7)	C Vitter (a3)	55	93	\$11.00

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EMERGENCIES

13 71000 MY TIME AGAIN (dtc (4))

14 78957 GRANFULT (w7)

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15 70000 SEAHANAH, Buffe Buster, Indifferance, Stay Safe

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SPORT**Lions roar to thrilling qualifying final win**

AFLW: Brisbane's Ally Anderson kicked the match-winner as the Lions upset minor premiers Adelaide by two points in a qualifying final thriller on Saturday. The visitors overcame a four-goal haul from Crow Eloise Jones to triumph 6.3 (39) to 5.7 (37) at Norwood Oval. Brisbane will host a preliminary final in a fortnight. The Crows will host a semi-final next week against the winner of Gold Coast's elimination bout against Sydney. The Lions, with Orla O'Dwyer (pictured) kicking two majors, scored the last three goals of the game.

**Essendon not content with making finals**

AFLW: Essendon were never content with making up the numbers and simply competing as an expansion club. Even an admirable 10th-placed finish with four wins in their debut season - clearly the best of the four new teams - was not enough to satisfy. Twelve months on, the Bombers find themselves in an elimination final showdown against Geelong on Sunday. "We play football to play in finals, and to win finals, so to be there and have a shot at it this year is really exciting," midfielder Georgia Nanscawen said.



Canberra Chill goalkeeper Rene Hunter made two strong saves during the penalty shootout with the Brisbane Blaze. Picture by Sitthixay Ditthavong

Chill goalie shines with nerves of steel**HOCKEY**

Melanie Dinjaski

IMAGINE standing in goal wearing 30-odd-kilograms of pads, staring straight at an opposition player ready to whack a hockey ball past you, with a chorus of screaming home fans on the edge of their seats, and the game to be decided by what happens next.

That's exactly the high-pressure situation Canberra Chill goalkeeper Rene Hunter found herself in on Friday night against the Brisbane Blaze at Lyneham.

And like the heroics of Matildas goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold at the Women's World

Cup, Hunt emerged triumphant in a thrilling 2-2 (3-2) penalty shootout win, to edge the Chill closer to sealing a finals berth.

After not playing the last two games for Canberra, Hunter was the hero with three massive saves to deny the Blaze.

"It definitely was an intense match," Hunter said. "It was a must-win, and it was a bit nerve-wracking not having played in two games."

"It can be pretty overwhelming in a shootout, especially in front of a home crowd with everyone standing behind the goal cheering, so I just tried to stay calm."

"Canberra really turned it on."

Canberra had to start the match without Irish international Roisin Upton and former Hockeyroo Edwina Bone but Hunter said the team were able to quickly adapt to the early setback.

"We've been rolling different players throughout the defensive line consistently," Hunter said.

"So there's plenty of depth."

The Chill trailed until the 31st minute when Kalindi Commerford scored and then added a conversion to level the game 2-2, before Hunter stepped up in a big way.

"It's kind of hard in the moment because you get that little celebration, you've got

eight seconds of elation, and then you've got to switch on again for another shot," she said.

"You've got to be fast and agile to react because you're padded up and the field player is not."

"Last time I weighed myself with my gear on it's about 25 to 30 kilos on top of you. A lot of the foam can absorb water from the turf so the sweater and wetter it gets, the heavier it gets."

Hunter's display put the Chill in the box seat for finals, with next Friday's final-round showdown with HC Melbourne set to decide their fate.

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Vics make Short work of Tasmania

Marsh One-Day Cup: Victoria have jumped to top of the domestic one-day table after securing a convincing six-wicket win over Tasmania in Launceston. After captain Peter Handscomb won the toss and elected to bowl first, the Vics decimated the Tigers for 156 with quick Sam Elliott taking 4-26. Victoria, led by star opener Matthew Short (pictured), took their time in the chase but were able to bring up their fourth win of the season with 14 overs to spare. Short made bat look easy, finishing unbeaten on 81 off 88 balls.



Scorchers score a perfect 10

WBBL: Perth stars Sophie Devine and Beth Mooney have piled more pain on the struggling Melbourne Renegades to steer the Scorchers to a 10-wicket WBBL thumping. Devine (70 not out from 36 balls) and Mooney (47 not out from 32 balls) smashed the Renegades to all parts of the Junction Oval on Saturday to bring up Perth's sixth win of the season with 50 balls to spare. The Renegades couldn't defend their total of 5-133 and tumbled to a seven-straight loss. Perth moved up to second.

Healy wants to lead side through transition period

AUSTRALIA

Scott Bailey

ALYSSA Healy has declared she wants to help lead Australia through a period of transition after Meg Lanning's retirement from international cricket.

Healy is considered the front-runner to take over from Lanning as Australia's captain, with selectors to name a squad for the looming tour of India this week.

The wicketkeeper is currently on the mend from a finger injury after a dog bite, but is expecting to be fit for the Mumbai Test against India on December 21.

Healy admitted sadness on seeing an emotional Lanning decide to walk away on Thursday, after 10 years as Australia's captain.

The 33-year-old Healy has captained recent tours, including a T20 series last year in India and this year's Ashes while Lanning was out for personal and medical reasons respectively.

But leading on a full-time basis would be a significant shift for Healy, who would no longer feel as if she was filling someone else's shoes on limited preparation.

"I've had a nice little taste of it. And yes, 100 per cent I would put my name up to do it again if called upon," Healy said.

"I feel like I've learned a lot about myself, but also probably learned a lot about our group and potentially what we need to do to continue to evolve."

"But that's for somebody else to decide (who captains) and if it is somebody else, I'll happily support them in the role as best as I can for the rest of my career."

If not Healy, Tahilia McGrath would likely be next in line to take charge. The next leader is likely to take a crucial role in the direction

of the side, with Lanning's exit following former vice-captain Rachael Haynes' departure last year.

Healy and Elyse Perry are also both aged 33, while Jess Jonassen and Megan Schutt are both 30 after having been part of Australia's long-term success.

Australia have an overflowing list of rising stars, but India and England have shown signs of closing the gap in recent years.

"It is really exciting," Healy said. "I feel like that my role as the oldest player in the group at the moment is trying to nurture this next generation of players. Just encouraging them to go out and play this amazing style of cricket that's bred within them. So yeah, it is really exciting. Hopefully we can just play that way and keep showing people that we want to keep taking the game to another level. I think that's really important."

Healy said while she was saddened by Lanning's retirement, she was proud of her close friend for making a "brave" decision to walk away.

"I've been privileged enough to play alongside some of the players that are going to go down as the greatest ever," Healy said. "But the way Meg stands out is her leadership and her captaincy. Yes, throughout a changing period (for the women's game), but just the success rate that she had as a skipper, and the amount of wins and trophies we won. Her legacy as a leader within Australian cricket will be remembered for a lot longer than her amazing skills."

Lanning, meanwhile, believes Australia are well placed to continue their dominance without her. "There's some good young players coming through," she said. "I've got no doubt that whoever takes over will do an excellent job."



Glenn Maxwell the bowler can be just as important a weapon for Australia as Maxwell the batter in the World Cup semi-finals. Picture AP

Maxi's a bowling threat too: Vettori

WORLD CUP

IT MAY have been Glenn Maxwell's wonders with the bat which have illuminated this World Cup - but Australia fancy it's his less-heralded prowess with the ball that could prove just as critical as they enter the business end of the tournament.

While he was rested from their final group match against Bangladesh last night, Australia will definitely rely on his underrated off-spin in next week's semi-final with South Africa in Kolkata. Australian spin coach Daniel Vettori, New Zealand's former star tweaker, is credited with helping Maxwell develop the wiles which have made him one of the most economical bowlers in the tournament - but the Kiwi is adamant

it's all down to 'Maxi's' own unquenchable enthusiasm and dedication.

"I think you have to give Glenn most of that credit," Vettori said. "I think he's a very willing bowler and sometimes that can be the hardest part of being an all-rounder, so that even though you do have the skills, the desire's not always there."

"Maxi, he loves bowling - and he loves the strategy that goes into it, probably like with his batting."

"You see a bowler that's evolved over the last few years. In particular, he's been able to start to bowl over the wicket to right-handers, which sort of went out of fashion for a period of time, and it's his ability to almost get near-topspin, to challenge the stumps the whole time

from both round and over the wicket.

"Particularly in the powerplay, going over the wicket and being able to either skid it on or spin it back into the right-handed batsman, that's been his biggest improvement and meant that he can bowl at any stage of the innings."

"And even Patty [Pat Cummins] has the confidence to turn to him in the 46th or 47th over the other day to two right-handers."

"So, he's an extremely confident bowler because of all the work he puts in and how skilful and intelligent he is around his bowling."

Maxwell's bowled 52.3 overs in the tournament. He may only have taken five wickets at 52 apiece, but he's conceding at just 4.95 runs per over.

Proteas gear up for Australia blockbuster with final win

WORLD CUP

SOUTH Africa have seen off a spirited fightback from Afghanistan to win by five wickets with 15 balls to spare in their final World Cup group game and ensure they'll go into their semi-final against Australia in buoyant mood.

Consolidating second place in the standings, South Africa, who have 14 points from their nine games, are two points ahead of Australia and are confident of repeating their group-stage win over Pat Cummins'



Batters Andile Phehlukwayo and Rassie van der Dussen smile after guiding South Africa to victory.

team in next Thursday's last-four meeting in Kolkata.

"They say winning is a habit so we want to take

that momentum through, we take a lot of confidence," South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma said.

"We did something differently today. We normally bat first but we batted second. To get over the line in that manner will give us confidence. We'd like to be playing here again in the final in front of a full capacity crowd - but there's a hurdle we have to get over first against Australia in Kolkata."

The Asian side posted 244 in 50 overs on the back of Azmatullah Omarzai's unbeaten knock of 97, which included seven boundaries and three sixes.

Gerald Coetze was the pick of the South African bowlers with his 4-44 while Quinton de Kock finished with six catches to tie the record for most wicket-taking dismissals in a World Cup match.

In response, de Kock set up the chase with a breezy 41 that took him to the top of the tournament's scoring charts on 591 runs but they were in a spot of bother at 5-182. But Rassie van der Dussen (76no) guided the Proteas home, stitching together a 65-run partnership

with Andile Phehlukwayo, who smashed the winning runs with a massive six over deep midwicket in the 48th over.

Against the Afghans on Friday, they again demonstrated what a formidable side they can be, as Australia already know following their 134-run hammering by the Proteas a month ago in Lucknow. Afghanistan, meanwhile, wrapped up their best World Cup campaign with four wins and also sealed a place in the Champions Trophy.

Anzac Round game returns to the ACT

David Polkinghorne

IT WASN'T the opponent they'd asked for, but the Canberra Raiders will host an NRL Anzac Round game for the first time in seven years.

The Green Machine had set their sights on bringing the North Queensland Cowboys to Canberra Stadium to establish an Anzac rivalry with their fellow military city.

Both Canberra and Townsville have long been home to the armed forces, with the capital the base for the Royal Military College at Duntroon.

It's also the home of the National War Memorial.

While they missed out on that fixture, and will instead play the Cowboys in a pre-season trial at Sieffert Oval, *The Canberra Times* can reveal they will host the Cronulla Sharks on the weekend following Anzac Day.

The Raiders are reportedly set to end their regular season with an away trip to play the St George Illawarra Dragons before hopefully launching into a finals campaign.

That's all part of the NRL's 2024 draw, which will be announced on Monday at 11am.

The full NRLW draw will also be released at the same time, having been delayed last year due to the ongoing CBA discussions.

It will be the Raiders' second NRLW season after narrowly missing out on the finals in their first attempt.

With Anzac Day falling on a Thursday in the 2024 NRL season the Raiders set their sights on some Canberra Stadium fireworks to honour the fallen Diggers - given the capital's proud military tradition.

Despite that history it's the first time they've hosted an Anzac Round game since 2017 - when the Manly Sea Eagles came to

town for a golden-point thriller.

In regards to fireworks, the Raiders' opening home game of the 2024 campaign - against the Wests Tigers - comes up in a potential scheduling clash with the returning Skyfire.

The fireworks extravaganza's making a return to Lake Burley Griffin's shores after a five-year hiatus and will be held on Saturday, March 16.

That's when the Green Machine will host their first home game after they start next year with an away match against the Newcastle Knights - which may or may not be held on Thursday, March 7, depending on whether Channel 9 get their way.

Given Skyfire's traditional pulling power - with one third of the ACT normally watching it - the Raiders have asked for an afternoon game to allow them to pull a pre-fireworks crowd.

Former Raiders star Jack Wighton's set to get a frosty reception on his Canberra return. Thankfully this time it won't be due to the ACT police.

The Raiders will play the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Canberra Stadium on the final weekend of July - in the heart of the cold ACT winter - believed to be round 21.

Wighton played 242 NRL games for the Green Machine across 12 seasons, since moving to the capital from Orange.

But he'll join good mate and cousin Latrell Mitchell at the Rabbitohs next season in search of a fresh challenge.

The Raiders will get an earlier chance to catch up with Wighton during the pre-season trials.

Their trial against Parramatta will form a doubleheader with the Charity Shield between Souths and St George Illawarra on February 17.



Zac Woolford's contracted to the Raiders for 2024. Picture by Keegan Carroll

Woolford in Raiders' plans despite rumours

David Polkinghorne

ZAC Woolford is squarely in the Canberra Raiders' plans for the 2024 NRL season.

But at this stage he's one of a number of off-contract stars who the Raiders were yet to open talks with.

That could change in the coming weeks as the full squad returns for pre-season training, with a majority of the squad set to return November 20.

It's believed the Green Machine were waiting to see how things panned out in the next few months before making a move.

Woolford has personally reassured those close to him that he's not looking for a move after reports came out of England on Friday night that he was being offered to Super League clubs.

The young gun's currently contracted to the Raiders for next year - but free to talk to other clubs about signing for 2025 and beyond - having established himself as their starting hooker over the past two seasons.

He's played 38 games, starting all-but two of them, since returning to his hometown of Canberra in 2022.

The 27-year-old was a

surprise omission from the Raiders team in the opening rounds this year, with Raiders coach Ricky Stuart preferring Danny Levi and Tom Starling in his 17.

But Levi's broken jaw opened the door for Woolford to return to the side and he more-or-less remained there for the rest of the campaign.

Like all players who became free to talk to other clubs on November 1, Woolford will be considering his long-term future.

His manager didn't return *The Canberra Times'* calls on Saturday.

The Raiders were happy with their hooking depth, having both Starling and Levi locked in until the end of the 2025. They've also got Adrian Trevilyan on a development contract, with injuries crueling the promising rame in recent years.

That competition for spots was expected to drive the four dummy halves during the pre-season as the Green Machine go through a rebuilding phase in their spine.

The loss of star five-eighth Jack Wighton (South Sydney) meant they're looking to form new combinations

ahead of next season, with both Kaeo Weekes and Ethan Strange set to battle it out for the No.6 jersey.

It's a similar situation at fullback with Weekes, Xavier Savage and Chevy Stewart all a chance of wearing the No.1 jersey come round one - against the Newcastle Knights in Newcastle on March 7.

Stuart has vowed to give his young guns a chance at establishing themselves in those two key roles - a similar rebuild to what's happened in the forwards and outside backs in recent years.

Why RA must invest in youth for the future

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McLennan and Waugh are now tasked with finding a coach capable of inspiring a playing group carrying the scars of Australia's worst World Cup campaign, after bowing out in the pool stages for the first time in history.

With the likes of Brumbies mentor Stephen Larkham and Dan McKellar featuring in discussions, Mortlock says RA must turn to a coach who has "runs on the board" at the elite level.

"The reality is [the players] already are [scarred]. They've already gone through that, you never forget those tough moments. You wear them, and the best thing to do is to make sure you learn from them," Mortlock said.

"It's important for all the participants from that campaign there is an actual opportunity to review that - how do we get better, how do we learn from that, and how do we make sure we don't go into a situation like this again?"

"That needs to happen or it's an absolute waste of everyone's time."

Mortlock's call comes as his XV Capital business enters a strategic partnership and equity agreement with CoachMate, a sports technology company based in New Zealand looking to redefine community sport across Australia.

CoachMate has produced a grassroots sport coaching app which provides mums, dads and teenage coaches with coaching programs and other tools which has been specifically designed for community sports.

Youngest Brit in ATP final since Murray

Tennis: Jack Draper has defeated Jan-Lennard Struff at the Sofia Open to become the youngest Briton to reach an ATP Tour final since Andy Murray 14 years ago. The 21-year-old (pictured) is chasing a second successive title having picked up the trophy at the second-tier Challenger event in Bergamo last week. After knocking out top seed Lorenzo Musetti in the second round in Sofia, Draper did the same to third seed Struff in the last four, winning 6-3 6-4, and is yet to drop a set.



Red Bull dampen Ricciardo hopes

Motor sport: The boss of Red Bull Racing has made it clear that the Formula 1 champion team wants to keep driver Sergio Perez next season, which will dampen speculation that Australian Daniel Ricciardo could get the hot seat. Christian Horner, Red Bull's team principal, tried to erase doubts with his comments to motorsports.com. "I am absolutely confident and clear that Checo (Perez) will be our driver next year," Horner said. "The clear plan and therefore the clear intention is that he will continue."



Canberra United skipper Michelle Heyman. Picture by Sitthixay Ditthavong

Skipper's idea to revive academy

Melanie Dinjaski

CANBERRA United captain Michelle Heyman knows a thing or two about what it takes to make it in the A-League.

Her 15 years in the nation's top domestic competition and record as the all-time leading goal-scorer prove as much.

So while she doesn't claim to be a soccer administration extraordinaire on top of her prowess on the field, Heyman does have some ideas on how she'd fix up Canberra United's recently dumped academy.

"It was a bit of a shock when that news came through, and

I think there's a lot of change that could happen," she told *The Canberra Times*.

It's been nearly two months since Canberra United Academy was axed by Capital Football with plans moving forward to replace it with a talented sports program.

The move ended the CUA's participation in the NPLW since 2016, and prompted "disappointment" and concern from United's academy

graduates that a clear pathway to the A-League had been removed. It also led to the resignation of Capital Football chief executive Ivan Slavich, who disagreed with the board's decision.

Heyman and many of her teammates that came through the academy have seen the potential of what it can produce, believing it is essential to keep the talent pipeline strong.

"If I was in charge of a program like that, I would see the Canberra United Academy as my reserve grade team for the Canberra United A-League team," Heyman said.

"The first thing that I think should happen is for the best players in Canberra - no matter what age or what club you're playing for - if you've been scouted in the top 30 players in Canberra, you should be playing for

Canberra United in a pro-

fessional academy system. That's if those players want to, of course.

"We have great talent here in Canberra, and there's players who don't get seen because they're not in the academy."

Though Heyman wants

an academy to be in place, she does see some value in the current pool returning to other NPLW clubs, too, because she said it allows youngsters to play alongside - not just against - more experienced players.

"It is great they now get to play with a lot of older players within the individual clubs, because in the academy it is a young squad, they

don't get that leadership of older players and a different sort of drive," Heyman said.

"I learned a lot as a 16-year-old player in the open women's division. I had to grow really fast, and that helped me become who I am today."

"So I think there's a potential opportunity to change the academy in a different way."

"But they definitely need to have some sort of academy for those of a young age who are the key players that we can see one day becoming a Canberra United player, or playing for the Matildas. That's the purpose of an academy."

Flying Jets pile pressure on rivals

Newcastle 1
Western United 0

NEWCASTLE have claimed their first win of the A-League Men season and condemned Western United to a third consecutive loss with a 1-0 victory in Ballarat.

The Jets sealed their breakthrough win under new coach Rob Stanton, after two draws and a loss, via Apostolos Stamatopoulos' goal in the 44th minute.

Newcastle were also contentiously denied a penalty in the 72nd minute at Mars Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The defeat puts pressure on John Aloisi's United, who beat Melbourne City in round one but have since failed to score in three consecutive defeats.

United conceded against the Jets despite dominating play.

The game opened up in the 10th minute when United's Daniel Penha thudded a venomous shot off the crossbar.

Newcastle's Clayton Taylor ripped a fierce strike just past the far post in the 24th minute, while United captain Josh Risdon volleyed just off target in the 32nd.

Former Jet Penha thumped home in the 40th minute but the ball clearly went out of play for a goal kick before Ben Garuccio's assist.

After a VAR referral, referee Casey Reibelt chalked off the goal.

Shortly after, Newcastle broke the deadlock.

Ange tells Spurs fans not to worry about injury dramas

ANGE Postecoglou believes Tottenham have already passed plenty of tests this season, but he will not let the absence of nine first-team players at Wolves offer up an excuse for a dropoff in performance.

Spurs suffered their first defeat of the Premier League campaign on Monday in a chaotic 4-1 home loss to Chelsea, which could have further consequences in the

long term. Destiny Udogie and Cristian Romero were sent off during the London derby, while Micky van de Ven (hamstring) and James Maddison (ankle) suffered serious injuries that will rule them out until January.

Postecoglou, however, is no stranger to a challenge given Harry Kane's departure on the eve of the new campaign.

"The first test? Losing the

greatest ever player in this competition the day before the start of the season? Nah, piece of cake," Postecoglou pointed out.

"We lost players to almost season-ending injuries. Nah, don't worry about it. Mate, there are tests all the time.

"In my whole career, I figured out there are only two states of being as a manager: under siege, or it's coming. I'm well aware that every

day nothing runs smooth. There's always challenges out there.

"I just try and make sure I don't change my state of being. It is what it is. I try and focus on what's important.

We're still building a team and an environment where people want to win.

"It's fairly extreme even for a person of my experience to lose five players in one game, but that doesn't mean

it's any worse than anything we faced so far and it's being a bit disrespectful to this group of players to say that everything has gone their way because it hasn't.

"From day one there's been a real resilience and character in the group and they're going to have to show it again.

"We've had plenty of reasons not to be where we are, plenty of excuses

in terms of the disruptions we've had already and some of the challenges we've had to face. Fair to say we won't be using any kind of reason for us not to perform at our best tomorrow."

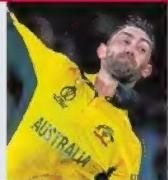
Van de Ven's injury on Monday resulted in Tottenham adopting an extremely high line and while Guglielmo Vicario impressed in the sweeper-keeper role, pundits questioned the tactic.

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Canberra Chill players celebrate their dramatic penalty shootout win against Brisbane Blaze on Friday night. Inset: Goalkeeper Rene Hunter made two strong saves during the shootout. Pictures by Sitthixay Ditthavong

Legend's plea for Wallabies

RUGBY UNION**Caden Helmers**

STIRLING Mortlock warns a mass player turnover would have "horrific" consequences for the Wallabies, while putting the onus on Rugby Australia bosses to learn from past mistakes to lift the game to its previous heights.

So if 80-Test Wallabies great Mortlock could wave a magic wand to fix Australian rugby, where would he start? "There's too many things to focus on, that's the biggest problem, to be

honest," Mortlock said. The Wallabies need a new coach after Eddie Jones walked out 10 months into a five-year deal, while the team is reeling after Australia's earliest World Cup exit. Pressure is mounting on RA chairman Hamish McLennan and Super Rugby clubs are fighting against RA's push towards centralisation, with the ACT Brumbies likening it to a hostile takeover.

But Mortlock is confident the Wallabies can prosper in a four-year cycle featuring a British and Irish Lions tour

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Stirling Mortlock

and a home World Cup which officials are banking on for major financial windfalls.

Jones invested in youth ahead of an ill-fated World Cup, declaring Michael

Hooper and Quade Cooper were not the right role models for the Wallabies. The decision backfired, but now Mortlock says a new coach has to continue the investment of the year that was becomes "an absolute waste of everyone's time".

"A big thing from my perspective, and this is a little bit different now that Eddie is not at the helm, but they've done a huge rebuild process that has happened this year and it was really put in overdrive for that World Cup. A lot of the team were green

and we went with youth," Mortlock said.

"From my perspective, most of that team who were in the World Cup, I'd love to see them be the core of this team for a long period of time. If we have continuity with those players and we're developing in those players, we'll be in a really strong position for the British and Irish Lions in two years' time, and even better position for the World Cup in four years."

"But if we don't, and we're constantly cycling through spine players and really im-

portant players and there's no continuity of player development, combination development, and cohesion in the team, that's going to be horrific. We need similar from a leadership point of view and a coaching point of view. That's the biggest issue, they've been doing this for a while now."

The game's administrators are committed with McLennan adamant the game would be worse off if he was spared while chief executive Phil Waugh arrived in June.

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